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10	Colombo No. 1.	—	30/1/64
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12	CRO No. 104	—	31/1/64.

13	NEW DELHI No. 1 Tel	—	3/2/64
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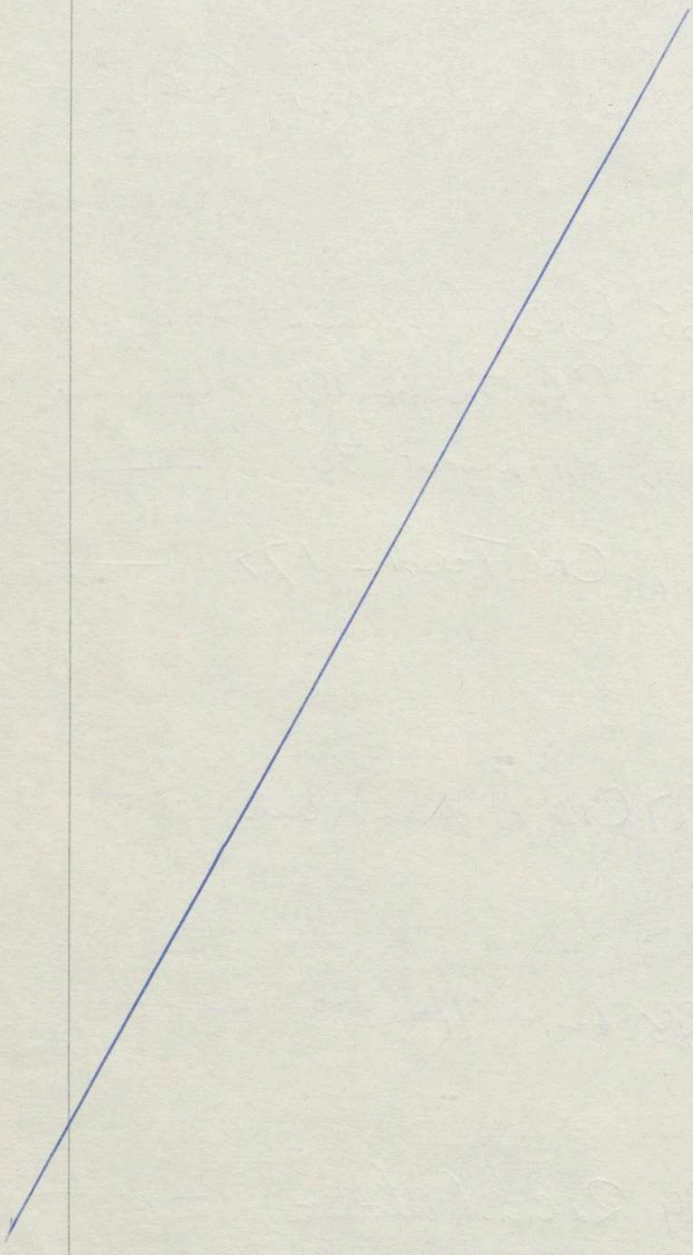

H.C.

On Friday Mr. Banks was approached by Mr. Akbar Rashid Natar, the owner of Takim's Travel Services, who said that he had been charged by the Zanzibar Government with the task of arranging the repatriation of the Manga Arabs to Muscat and Oman. Apart from the 140 people he had managed to get away on the Dutch ship in February he had so far been unsuccessful in finding means to arrange these repatriations. He had come to ask quite unofficially if the British Government would agree to provide the necessary transport for about 1,000 Arabs as soon as possible.

2. Mr. Akbar seemed to be under the impression that the British Government could, as it were, commandeer any British ship happening to be in the vicinity and compel it to transport these people without delay. He was initially unwilling to give further details until we had accepted responsibility for the operation at least in principle. However he was prevailed upon to provide the following supplementary information:-

(i) The exact number of people he had to ship was 993

Males	450
Females	94
Children under 12	347
Infants under 2	102

(ii) They would travel on joint passports (about 15 on each passport) issued by the Zanzibar authorities and would hold valid health certificates.

(iii) The majority were born in Muscat, the remainder in Zanzibar. The Zanzibar authorities

/had

had confirmation (precise details not provided) that these people would be allowed to land in Muscat.

(iv) Mr. Akbar had tried shipping firms in Aden, Mogadishu, Salisbury, Paris and London (Harris & Dixon and Lambert Bros.) to no avail.

(v) His idea was that a ship should be placed at the disposal of the Zanzibar Government for transporting these people. The Zanzibar Government would pay all the costs.

3. I discussed this repatriation question with Mrs. Adams on Sunday. She said she had refrained from troubling us so soon after we had reopened the office. Although at present money for the maintenance of the Arab detainees was not her prime difficulty, she did not know if funds would enable her to carry on looking after them after the end of March and she would run into grave staff difficulties. Moreover when the rains really set in she feared for the survival of the detainees in their present conditions. In short, it was most desirable that they should all be got away from Zanzibar by the end of March. She was under a misapprehension, too, about the National Status of Muscat-and-Omanis, thinking they were B.P.P.s which of course they are not.

4. The Red Cross had been trying to find shipping but the regular shipping lines were already fully booked up and moreover would like to see the colour of the Zanzibar Government's money before accepting these people as passengers. Though schooners were available (and were cheaper) they were not suitable because passengers would have to provide their own food which these Arabs could not do and moreover conditions in them would be too arduous.

5. A meeting of the International Red Cross Refugee Committee (?) was due to take place in Geneva last Thursday. Mrs. Adams hoped that the Red Cross would agree to pay the costs of the repatriation operation in conjunction with the U.N. Commissioner for Refugees. If this were done she thought the Red Cross would be able to find shipping. She is still awaiting news of the Committee's decision.

6. She said you had called on the Red Cross in London and perhaps you have some up to date information. On humanitarian grounds H.M.G. could surely not refuse with its resources to help provide the necessary shipping, though for presentation purposes it would be essential for the arrangements to seem to be made under Red Cross auspices. It will be difficult to tell Mr. Akbar that we cannot help him without making some suggestion as to how this problem might be solved.

7. Would you like me to pass this matter on to London or would you prefer to leave it entirely in the hands of the Red Cross?

(D.F.B. Le Breton)
10th March 1964

Mr Le Breton/

We spoke about the Arab transportation problem this morning and here are the details I learned from Mr Akbar Rashid Natar of Sabina Travel Services.

1/ An aircraft (DC4) has been offered at a charge of £50 per head.

2/ The aircraft could carry 70 persons and can start operating from Monday 16th March.

3/ The Jamaican govt. will only contribute £26 per head towards the cost of transporting the Arabs.

4/ An appeal for the extra £24 per head required has been made to the Red Crescent Jamaican, who have telegraphed London asking for authority to pay. No reply has yet been received (1130 hours 13th March).

5/ Mr Akbar asked if the British govt. could help with the financing of the operation. He was told that we would contact him if we were in a position to offer assistance.

6/ If the money for chartering the aircraft is not available by Monday 16th March then the Arabs will be shipped in two /schooners

schooners which will take 17-20 days to reach their destination.

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36A British Red Cross PR/00 —— 18.3.64

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40 CRO 211 telegram —— 24.3.64

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43C Swahili News

43D HC Agric Comps Extracts. — 4-6-64

44 CRO Telegram 240 — 3.4.64

44A FO Comps — 6-4-64

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61 CRO Telegram 329 —— 22.4.64

62 CRO Telegram 338 —— 24.4.64

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63 CRO 310 —— 27.4.64

Mr. LaBouchere

To note generally.

I am rather amused (45) what seems

to have been misdirected here

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64 CRO Telegram 312 —— 24.4.64

65 ADEN (WATTS) —— 29.4.64

66 COLONIAL OFFICE
CRO (HICKMAN) —— 29.4.64

67 CRO Telegram 373 ——— 3.5.64

68 CRO Telegram 398 ——— 5.5.64

69 CRO 327 ——— 5.5.64

70 Letter of Thanks ———→

71 CRO 403 ——— 6.5.64

72 CRO Savings 36 ——— 6.5.64

73 CRO 408 ——— 7.5.64

73A Colombo 3 ——— 16-5-64

74 CRO (Encls.) ——— 20.5.64
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75 NRO (Nairobi) —— 20-5-64

MR LeBrocq Reply sent 26/5.

To see 73A please in connection

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76 Colombo 2 —— 26.5.64

7A "Tanganyika Standard" —— 26-5-64

77 RNLO (Nairobi) 15 EXAX 13/64 —— 27.5.64

77A East African Standard —— 3.6.64

77B CRO 599 —— 16.6.64

78 Muscat M258 —— 3.6.64

79 CRO 574 —— 7.6.64

79A HC Aden 616/B/9 (Watts) —— 6.6.64

80 British Red Cross (Kenya) PR/DD —— 6.6.64

81 British Red Cross (Kenya) —— 11.6.64

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82 ~~CRO 599 (Coladen 391)~~ — 16.6.64

83 Murat M285 (CRO 600) — 17.6.64

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84 CRO 615 — 19.6.64

85 Nairobi 168 — 22.6.64

86 Nairobi 161 — 22.6.64

86A Colombo HC (Cmp) AWB/ZAN/4/1 — 23.6.64

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88 CRO 418 ——— 29.6.64

88A CRO (Aspin) EA 2/56/205/8 ——— 30.6.64
88B B.C.G. MUSCAT (encls) 1821 ——— 30.6.64
89 British Red Cross (Whittington) encls ——— 1.7.64

90 CRO (ASPIN) ——— 1.7.64

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Herewith file (your minute 29/6 refers)
(Please see 88A also.) AWL 6/7

91 CRO 667 ——— 4.7.64

92 CRO (ASPIN) ——— 6.7.64

~~93 B.C.G. MUSCAT (encls) ———~~ keeping Envr.

93 British Red Cross (Whittington) ——— 7.7.64

MR BANKS.

Please see 88B

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93A CRO 675. ——— 10.7.64

94 CRO (Agra) ends ——— 11.7.64

95 CRO 676. ——— 11.7.64

96 CRO 678 ——— 13.7.64

97 CRO 682 ——— 16.7.64

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98 CRO 683 ——— 16.7.64

99 CRO 693 ——— 21.7.64

100 CRO Telegram 4444 ——— 23.7.64

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101	CRO 447	25.7.64
102	East African Standard	25.7.64
103	CRO Telegram 451	26.7.64
104	CRO Telegram 453	30.7.64
105	CRO Telegram 706	30.7.64
106	CRO London 454	3.8.64.
107	CRO 456	c. 4.64
108	CRO 712	5.8.64
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109	CRO 716	10.8.64
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110	CRO 460	11.8.64

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OUTWARD TELEGRAM

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FROM: B.D.H.C., ZANZIBAR

TO: C.R.O., LONDON NO. 460

RPTD: MUSCAT NO.M316
CONSUL-GENERAL,
GENEVA NO.M317

D: 1720 hours 11th August, 1964

CYPHER
PRIORITY

Your telegram No. 716 (109)

MANGA ARABS

Please pass following to Miss Whittington Red Cross from Phillips.

BEGINS:

Junior Minister External Affairs Tambwe informs me Karume's assurance now a certainty and should be handed over within next 24 hours. Re. your message passed to me to-day will process passengers tomorrow and send you information tribes ages soonest. Was contacted to-day by Mitchell Cotts agents for Panislamic who informed me they had been advised by U.N.H.C.R. on 7th August firstly that Sultan ready to admit Arabs originating Oman subject to screening by local Sheikh on board in Muscat Harbour. Secondly that U.N.H.C.R. approaching Pakistan Government to take any Arabs not accepted Muscat. Agents also state ship to be chartered by U.N.H.C.R. is 'SAFINA-E-HUJAJA' . Is this information superseded by your to-day's message to me. This ship is now in Zanzibar and could take away all Arabs if reception arrangements can be completed by Friday. Same ship due visit Zanzibar again 4th September.

ENDS.

Copy given to Mr. Phillips. (I.R.C.)

Please pass to Miss Whittingham,
X British Red Cross, London.

TAMBWE
JUNIOR MINISTER EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, INFORMS
ME ~~PRESIDENTS~~ KARUME'S ASSURANCE NOW A CERTAINTY
AND SHOULD BE ~~HANDED~~ OVER WITHIN NEXT
24 HOURS ~~STOP~~ STOP RE YOUR ~~CABLE~~ MESSAGE
PASSED TO ME TODAY WILL PROCESS PASSENGERS
TOMORROW AND SEND YOU INFORMATION
TRIBES AGES SOONEST STOP WAS CONTACTED TODAY
BY MITCHELL COTTS AGENTS FOR PANISLAMIC
~~WHO~~ INFORMED ME ~~OF~~ THEY HAD BEEN ADVISED
BY UNHCR ON 7TH AUGUST FIRSTLY THAT
SULTAN READY TO ADMIT ARABS
ORIGINATING MUSCAT OMAN SUBJECT TO
SCREENING BY LOCAL SHEIKH ONBOARD
IN MUSCAT ~~HARBOUR~~ SECONDLY ~~THAT~~
UNHCR ~~APPROACHING~~ PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT
TO TAKE ANY ARABS NOT ACCEPTED MUSCAT
STOP AGENTS ~~ALSO~~ ~~STATE~~ SHIP TO BE
CHARTERED BY UNHCR ~~AS~~ IS SAFINA-E-
HUJAJA STOP IS THIS INFORMATION
SUPERCEDED BY YOUR TODAYS MESSAGE
TO ME STOP. THIS SHIP IS NOW IN
ZANZIBAR AND COULD TAKE AWAY ALL
ARABS IF ~~ARRANGED~~ RECEPTION
ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE COMPLETED BY
~~THAT~~ FRIDAY STOP. SAME SHIP DUE
VISIT ZANZIBAR AGAIN 4TH SEPTEMBER/Y

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Extract from Minute on First Meeting with Mr. Ofri Israeli Consul-General on 10/8/64

4. Mr. Ofri mentioned that he had discussed the International Red Cross with the President and had emphasised the importance of this organisation in the international field. He had, I understood, intervened in order to help Mr. Phillips of the International Red Cross who has been attempting to get Karume's approval for the despatch of about 2,000 Manga Arabs from the island to the Persian Gulf. Karume had not it seems been informed so far of this problem but had insisted that it should first be dealt with by the Minister of State. There is a long and involved story about the attempts Mr. Phillips has made to get a decision on this matter. It remains to be seen whether he will get any further when he receives the advice Mr. Ofri will now give him.

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FROM: C.R.O.

TO: ZANZIBAR No. 716

D: 2000 hours 10th August, 1964
R: 0810 hours 11th August, 1964

CYPHER
PRIORITY

Addressed to Zanzibar telegram No. 716 of August 10th repeated for information to Consul-General Geneva and Muscat.

My telegram No. 712. (102)

MANGA ARABS

Please pass following from Red Cross London to Phillips.

"In spite of all efforts regret Geneva unable charter ship immediately. Please inform those concerned and put blame on lack of clearance Zanzibar if you think fit. Hope charter another ship if and when reception arrangements completed. They request you continue efforts obtain clearance and ask you and Sheik Abdulla ascertain ages and tribes etc. of those on list. Please cable situation report after this setback."

2. Suggest you advise Phillips not to put blame on Zanzibar failure to provide full clearance. It seems that to do so could not help and might do harm. Moreover, main obstacle is refusal by Sultan of Muscat to agree to accept all who arrive, without which ship would probably not allow them to embark.

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Reg.
R&R
Manga Arabs.

BY AIR BAG
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With the compliments of

THE BRITISH EMBASSY
P.R.H. Wright

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WASHINGTON, D.C.
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Deputy High Commissioner,
Zanzibar, Tanganyika.

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BY AIR BAG
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BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, D.C.,
August 7, 1964.

(83) 8/17 June.

Would you please refer to correspondence earlier this year about Manga Arab refugees from Zanzibar? The last paper we have seen here on the subject is Zanzibar telegram No. M.285 to Muscat.

2. Curtis Moore of the Arabian desk in the State Department told me this morning that the Americans have received a request for contributions from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva, to enable him to settle a further 2,000 refugees in Muscat and Oman. Moore asked whether I had any information on this, since it was not clear from the request whether the Sultan had been consulted.

3. I said that I had not seen any recent correspondence on the subject, but that I would enquire. In reply to my question about the Americans' reply to the High Commissioner's request, Moore said that they had suggested that he should use his Emergency Fund for the purpose.

4. I note from Foreign Office telegram No.5213 (56) of April 17 to us, that you did not then consider this situation to be the direct concern of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees under his mandate. It would be interesting to know whether your view still remains the same.

5. I am sending a copy of this letter to Jock Duncan in Muscat, Whitwell in Aden, the Deputy High Commissioner, Zanzibar, and the United Kingdom Mission in Geneva.

(P.R.H. Wright).

C.D. Powell, Esq.
Arabian Department,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

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(~~CONFL~~) ADDSD TO ZANZIBAR TEL NO 712 OF AUG 5 REPTD FOR INFMN

TO CONGEN GENEVA AND MUSCAT. YR TEL NO 456 (107): MANGA ARABS.

PSE PASS FOLLG FROM RED CROSS LONDON TO PHILLIPS: BEGINS

YR CABLES DATED AUG 4 RECD: MUST WARN YOU

U N H C R GENEVA HAVING DIFFICULTY OVER CHARTER AND ~~RECEPT~~

~~ORTXULSOYLD~~ RECEPTION SO POSSIBILITY WHOLE OPERATION MIGHT FAIL

CANNOT BE IGNORED. WILL CABLE ANY FURTHER INFMN SOONEST.

AGREE YR SUGGESTION RE LEAVE ENDS R

MR PHILLIPS IN FOREIGN.

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BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION
VUGA
P.O. Box 1180, Zanzibar
Telegrams: Ukrep
Telephone: 2046

Your reference:
Please quote in reply:

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107.

OUTWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: B.D.H.C., ZANZIBAR

TO: C.R.O., LONDON NO. 456

RPTD: CONSUL-GENERAL GENEVA NO.M311) PRIORITY
MUSCAT NO.M312)

D: 1645 hours 4th August, 1964

CYPHER
IMMEDIATE

My telegram No. 454. 106.

MANGA ARABS

Please pass following to Red Cross London from Phillips.

BEGINS:

Draft declaration not yet submitted to President Karume having been mislaid by Minister concerned who is now in Pemba for five days. Pending his return I can only give you verbal statement from External Affairs that it is most probable President will approve draft. If this is considered sufficient to engage charter I should be grateful information ETA vessel and passenger capacity. Have closed list at 2113 persons.

ENDS.

DRAFT DECLARATION NOT YET SUBMITTED TO PRESIDENT KABUME HAVING BEEN MISLAID BY MINISTER CONCERNED WHO IS NOW IN PEMBA FOR FIVE DAYS ~~STOP~~ PENDING HIS RETURN I CAN ONLY GIVE YOU VERBAL STATEMENT FROM EXTERNAL AFFAIRS THAT IT IS MOST PROBABLE PRESIDENT WILL APPROVE DRAFT ~~STOP~~ IF THIS IS CONSIDERED SUFFICIENT TO ENGAGE CHARTER I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL INFORMATION ETA VESSEL AND PASSENGER CAPACITY STOP HAVE CLOSED LIST AT 2113 ~~PHILLIPS~~ PERSONS

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DEPARTMENT B D H C. Zanzibar.

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On 4/8/1964

At 1645 Hrs. G.M.T. / Hrs. Local Time

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OUTWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: B.D.H.C., ZANZIBAR

TO: C.R.O., LONDON NO. 454

RPTD: CONSUL-GENERAL, GENEVA NO.M309 } PRIORITY
MUSCAT NO.M310 }

D: 1630 hours 3rd August, 1964

CYPHER
IMMEDIATE

My telegram No. 453. (104)

MANGA ARABS

Please pass following to Red Cross London from Phillips.

BEGINS:

External Affairs have submitted draft declaration to President and now inform me there is a delay. Am pressing for early decision. Please extend charter deadline if possible.

ENDS.

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Mango Arabs

Please pass following to Red Cross London from Phillips

Begins:

External Affairs have submitted draft declaration to President and now inform me ~~that~~ there is a delay. Am pressing /

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On 3/8/1964

At ..... Hrs. G.M.T.

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pressing for early decision ~~but~~ ~~doubts if I will get it before tomorrow~~. Please extend charter deadline if possible. ~~Will~~

Ends.

Send
~~HMSB~~
3/8

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Cypher

No. 706.

D: 2028 : 30

R: 0830 : 31

Reg'd
PA
Hanga Arabs file.

(~~CUTTLE~~). PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING FROM BRITISH RED CROSS TO PHILLIPS. BEGINS: "U N H C R HOPES TO MAKE A DECISION ABOUT CHARTER LATE ON AUGUST 3RD BY WHICH TIME SULTAN'S DECISION SHOULD BE KNOWN" ENDS.

Phillips told. He has been promised decision on Monday morning.

HS.
31/7.

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BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION
VUGA
P.O. Box 1180, Zanzibar
Telegrams: Ukrep
Telephone: 2046

Your reference:
Please quote in reply:

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OUTWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: B.D.H.C., ZANZIBAR.

TO: C.R.O., LONDON NO. 453
CONSUL-GENERAL, GENEVA NO.M307

RPTD: MUSCAT NO.M308

D: 1450 hours 30th July, 1964

My telegram No. 451. (1033)

MANGA ARABS

Please pass following to Red Cross London and Intercroixrouge Geneva from Phillips

BEGINS:

Have just been informed that following an approach to President Karume from another source it is now possible that the necessary assurance will be given. External Affairs will not be able to let me know until Monday morning. Please hold charter. Please ensure no publicity.

ENDS.

2. The other source referred to is TAMBWE.

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ENDS.

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Please ensure no publicity.

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OUTWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: B.D.H.C., ZANZIBAR

TO: C.R.O., LONDON NO. 451

D: 1620 hours 28th July, 1964

CYPHER
PRIORITY

My telegram No. 444. (100)

MANGA ARABS

Please pass following to Miss Whittington Red Cross from Phillips.

BEGINS:

I am having some difficulty in obtaining clearance from Karume for departure of refugees. What is the dead-line date for confirmation of charter of vessel? Will report further when position clearer.

ENDS.

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On 28/7/1964

At 1620. Hrs. G.M.T. / Hrs. Local Time

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East African Standard.
Saturday. 25. July 1964

The end column

THE International Red Cross is seeking to negotiate the evacuation from Zanzibar of some 170 Arabs who originally came from the Sultanate of Oman. A Red Cross delegate, Mr. George Hoffman, is being sent to Zanzibar for the negotiations.

Reg:
Manga Arabs file (Refugees)

TANGANYIKA. ST.
25- July- 64.

Oman Arabs may leave Zanzibar

Geneva, Friday.
The International Red Cross is seeking to negotiate the evacuation from Zanzibar of some 170 Arabs who originally came from the Sultanate of Oman, it was learned here today. Red Cross delegate Mr. George Hoffman is being sent to Zanzibar for the negotiations.

Many Ideas

The Russians would not do this because they were not certain that they wanted it. "When the time does come, probably we will have to move with speed but they take their own time".

It was the same with disarmament. Britain had put forward many ideas but the Russians had countered them all so far with the objection that inspection was the same as espionage.

"This is the excuse not the reality", Sir Alec said.

"It is because, faced with the Chinese, they cannot make up their minds yet whether they want disarmament at all.

"In this context I judge that with these problems at home and the difficulties he has with his friends, Mr. Khruschev has not a great deal of time to spare at present for long negotiations with the West and it would be very unwise, if this is so, to press him."

Sir Alec said there were two suggestions on which he hoped there might one day be progress. The first was for the posting of observers against surprise attack, and the second was for a non-dissemination agreement.

Summing up, Sir Alec said that on the evidence he thought he was justified, in looking at the international situation as a whole, in being optimistic, but there must be a guard against euphoria.

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OUTWARD TELEGRAM

101

FROM: B.H.C., ZANZIBAR

TO: C.R.O., LONDON NO. 447

D: 1245 hours 25th July, 1964

CYPHER
PRIORITY

MANGA ARABS

Please pass following to Miss Whittington Red Cross from Phillips. BEGINS:

TASS correspondent informs me he has heard that Soviet Red Cross vessel may be arriving Zanzibar. He has no further information but I would like to know if you or Geneva can confirm or deny this. Tanganyika Standard to-day carries report datelined Geneva giving inaccurate figure of number of Arabs for whom International Red Cross seeking evacuation. Strongly recommend that in view of feeling in Government circles here which Hoffmann will confirm all press releases be held over until completion of operation. ENDS.

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To pass To Miss Whittington British Red Cross.

~~BEGIN~~ TASS CORRESPONDENT INFORMS ME HE HAS HEARD THAT SOVIET RED CROSS VESSEL MAY BE ARRIVING ZANZIBAR HE HAS NO FURTHER INFORMATION BUT I WOULD ~~BE GRATEFUL~~ LIKE TO KNOW IF YOU OR GENEVA ~~HQ~~ CAN CONFIRM OR DENY THIS STOP TANGANYIKA STANDARD TODAY CARRIES ~~FOLLOWING ARTICLE DATELINED GENEVA FRIDAY QUOTE THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS IS SEEKING TO NEGOTIATE~~ REPORT DATELINED GENEVA GIVING INACCURATE FIGURE OF NUMBER OF ~~JEW~~ ARABS FOR WHOM INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS SEEKING EVACUATION STOP STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT IN VIEW OF FEELING IN GOVERNMENT CIRCLES HERE WHICH HOFFMANN WILL CONFIRM ALL PRESS RELEASES BE HELD OVER UNTIL COMPLETION OF OPERATION PHILLIPS

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OUTWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: B.H.C., ZANZIBAR

TO: C.R.O., LONDON NO. 444
CONSUL-GENERAL, GENEVA NO.M304
(C.R.O. please pass)

RPTD: MUSCAT NO.M305
(C.R.O. Please pass)

D: 1240 hours 23rd July, 1964

CYPHER
IMMEDIATE

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C.R.O. telegram No. 693 (not to Geneva).

MANGA ARABS

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Begins

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Ends

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INWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: C. R. O., LONDON

TO: ZANZIBAR NO. 693

RPTD: MUSCAT

D: 1411 hours 21st July, 1964
R: 0800 hours 22nd July, 1964

PRIORITY
CYPHER

MANGA ARABS

Please pass following to Phillips:

Following cable received today by High Commissioner from Pan-Islamic Shipping Co.

"We understand Muscat Ministry of Interior on approach will consider issuing permits on satisfaction that refugees are of Omani origin. Kindly cable progress on possibility of utilising vessel sailing 11th August".

High Commissioner would appreciate reply if possible to INTERCROIXROUGE Geneva.

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FROM: C.R.O.

TO: ZANZIBAR No. 683

D: 1216 hours 16th July, 1964
R: 1605 hours 16th July, 1964

CYPHER
PRIORITY

From Geneva addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 48 of 15th July, repeated for information Muscat, Zanzibar No. 2, and Saving to POMEC Aden.

Your telegram No. 80.

Red Cross state that owing to difficult connections Hoffman cannot reach Muscat before July 26th and will complete work at Zanzibar first. If feasible, he will then travel to London to see Sultan. British Red Cross are aware of situation.

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UKREP ZANZIBAR

0830/16

682 FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FOREIGN OFFICE TELEGRAM ADDRESSED MUSCAT 159 OF 15/7 REPEATED FOR INFORAMTION TO UKMIS GENEVA CONSUL GENERAL GENEVA ZANZIBAR SAVING TO POMEC ADEN

BEGINS YRTEL 94

WE HAVE ADVISED THE RED CROSS THAT HE SHOULD DO SO ENDS

CROSEC

COL ~~682 159 15/7 94~~

We dont appear to have recvd ref tel my last fm Muscat 87 on 19/6

KEEPS YOU IN TOUCH VIA CW

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FROM: C.R.O.

TO: ZANZIBAR No. 678

D: 2125 hours 13th July, 1964
R: 0800 hours 14th July, 1964

CYPHER
PRIORITY

Addressed to Muscat telegram No. 157 of 13th July, repeated for information to U.K. Mission, Geneva, Consul-General Geneva, Zanzibar and Saving to POMEC Aden.

U.K. Mission, Geneva telegram No. 277 to Foreign Office. (95)

Negotiations with the Muscat authorities must remain the sole responsibility of the I.C.R.C. representative. You may however help with introductions and other formalities.

2. U.K. Mission Geneva should warn the I.C.R.C. that the Sultan will be leaving Muscat for the U.K. on July 27th.

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FROM: C.R.O.

TO: ZANZIBAR No. 676

D: 0440 hours 11th July, 1964
R: 0800 hours 13th July, 1964

CYPHER
PRIORITY

Following received from U.K. Mission Geneva.

Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 277 of July 10th repeated for information to Muscat, Zanzibar No. 2, POMEC Aden and Consul-General Geneva.

Your telegram No. 355.

U.N. High Commissioner for Refugee's Office now inform me that the International Committee of the Red Cross (I.C.R.C.) will be sending a representative to Zanzibar within the next few days to try to obtain a nominal list of Omanis from Pemba and if possible arrange for their repatriation. I.C.R.C. representative will thereafter proceed to Muscat and Oman to make contact with the Sultan's Government in order to secure permission for Manga Arabs to land.

2. High Commissioner, though apparently prepared to help to raise funds for repatriation is disinclined again to approach Sultan of Muscat or Zanzibar Government in support of I.C.R.C.

3. High Commissioner's Director of Operations was however instructed to ask me to appeal to you if possible to instruct High Commissioner in Zanzibar and H.M. Consul-General at Muscat to assist representative of I.C.R.C. in any way they properly could in his negotiations with the Muscat and Zanzibar Governments. I gather that High Commissioner is optimistic about being able to finance repatriation provided Governments concerned agree.

4. Grateful for early instructions as to what reply I may give to the High Commissioner.

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ZAN.75/18/9 11th July, 1964

I would be grateful if you would pass the enclosed to Miss Whittington at the Red Cross as soon as possible.

2. The 65 Arabs whom Phillips reports as taking passage on the CAMPHUYS apparently include pretty well all those who can afford to pay their own passages. I am therefore relieved to see from your telegram No. 675 which has just arrived that the International Red Cross have agreed to help to move the remainder.

3. I hope the shipping company and the Government of Muscat and Oman are not going to be too difficult over documentation. As Phillips points out on page 3 of his letter, the requirement set out in paragraph 2 of Muscat Department of External Affairs letter of the 28th June, a copy of which was sent to the Foreign Office under cover of the Consul-General's letter No. 1821 of the 30th June, is quite unrealistic. I am told that most of this batch of CAMPHUYS passengers have only emergency certificates.

(T.L. Crosthwait)

N. Aspin, Esq.,
East Africa Political Department,
Commonwealth Relations Office,
LONDON, S.W.1.

Red Cross Office,
ZANZIBAR.

11th July 1964.

From: N.H.Phillips

To: Director, Overseas Development D
BRCS, London.

[redacted]e is the information to which I referred in my letter of the 9th. I will keep you informed as and when there are further developments, but I am keeping my fingers crossed that Janet will be successful in Geneva.

Inhave received my letter from Geneva, many thanks for arranging it. I don't think it will be necessary but it is as well to be prepared!

I have just had information that 65 people who can afford the fare are leaving for Makullah and Muscat on board the "CAMBHUYS" sailing this afternoon. I shall see them off and advise Red Cross, Mombasa, if their intervention is necessary.

10th July 1964.

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Report covering period from
Saturday 27th June to Friday
10th July 1964.

Feeding Scheme:

As a result of Janet Adams' intervention with the President on the 26th June the Red Cross has been allowed to restart, with its own funds, a feeding scheme for destitute Arabs, although the Authorities are not over-enthusiastic about this. The food is distributed from a house in town, loaned to the Red Cross by Sheikh Abdullah, the Community's leader , and women and single people only come to collectthe rations,in order to avoid a congregation ofmale Arabs which might lead to difficulties with the Authorities. Rations are handed out for the week on Mondays and Tuesdays on production of a Red Cross Ration Card which is issued per family unit.

This week 1,210 adults and 1,445 children received rations, at a cost to the Red Cross of Shs. 2776.05 (£138.16 to the nearest shilling). Cards have now been withdrawn for checking with Sheikh Abdullah as there is a possibility that some people have registered who are in a position to make provision for themselves.

Central Prison:

Visits to the Prison continue and take place twice a week.

The Ex-Ministers were transferred to Dar es Salaam on 28th June, reportedly at the request of Emperor Haile Selassie, who, it is said, is to look after them in Addis Ababa for the time being.

Similarly,two high-ranking ex-police officers were transferred to the mainland a day or two later.

The whereabouts, both of the ex-Ministers and of the police officers are now unknown and we are contacting the Tanganyika Red Cross Society for information so that the families of the detainees can write to them.

Twelve more people have been detained in the last few days and I have today been informed by the Prison Commissioner that at least fifty more arrests are expected within the next week or ten days. The practice of detainees' families bringing food to the prison has been stopped and all detainees have been put on the Prison Diet. The Red Cross is no longer allowed to distribute tobacco, but all other distributions unaffected. I have taken up the question of the food with the Commissioner and he has undertaken to see the Vice-President (Hanga) about it at an early date.

There are supposed to be some releases on the 15th of this month, but whether these will now be stopped is not yet known.

General:

The Deputy High Commissioner has passed me a copy of a letter from the Department of External Affairs, Muscat, to the Acting British Consul-General, Muscat, dated June 28, reading as follows:

"Mr.Forrester, Manager of Gray, Mackenzie & Co.Ltd., has discussed with me the possibility of a B.I. steamer s.s. "SANTHIA" bringing about 1100 refugees from Zanzibar to Muscat early in August 1964. He understands that the repatriates will be holding Omani passports or emergency certificates. For the convenience of the shipping company I have advised him that repatriates holding valid Omani Passports will only be acceptable to the Sultanate as Omanis and there will be no objection to their entry into the Sultanate. As regards holders of emergency certificates I have told him that they will not be treated as bonafide nationals of this country in absence of any authority issued bythe Sultanate. Mr.Forrester has since intimated Messrs. Mackinnon Mackenzie in Bombay accordingly.

Although no instance of an emergency certificate issued by by the British Consulars representatives in Zanzibar, Kenya and Tanganyika has been brought to our notice so far but it will be advisable to intimate these authorities thatno emergency certificate may kindly be granted to any individual who claims to be an Omani without reference to this office. I further suggest that the Consular Authorities may kindly be asked to advise individuals to apply for clearance direct to this office giving place and date of birth in Oman, name of the tribe and reference of well known persons in their home town who can vouch for them."

You will already know the contents of paragraph 1 from a previous communication of mine, passed through the C.R.O. These repatriates will not be holding Omani Passports. They will either be holding emergency certificates issued by the Zanzibar authorities or, possibly, we might be able to persuade the Zanzibar authorities to issue an overall pass for the whole shipment, but I doubt it.

The Deputy High Commission has, I believe, already stressed through the normal channels, the need to accept Zanzibar issued emergency certificates as valid documents and it might be helpful if I.C.R.C. Geneva were to make similar representation to the Omani authorities. These are, in any case, the only form of passport being issued in Zanzibar at the moment.

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The suggested procedure in the latter half of the second paragraph is impracticable. Individual application is out of the question since most of these people are illiterate, a fact of which the Sultanate is doubtless aware, and the gathering of references would take far too long at a time when the solution to this problem is becoming increasingly urgent. I estimate that the Red Cross can, with present funds, continue its feeding programme until the end of August at the outside. A further £1,000 has been promised by the World Council of Churches through, I think, the Tanganyikan Christian Council, and if this materialises then we might be able to extend our action up to the beginning of October. On the other hand we must be prepared for the fact that the Zanzibar Government may force us to discontinue the feeding at any time. The authorities have no interest in the fate of these Arabs and regard the Red Cross as perpetuating a problem which they consider no longer exists. In this event the plight of the Arabs would indeed be desperate. If possible, therefore, the Omani authorities must be persuaded through diplomatic and Red Cross channels to accept the Red Cross List and emergency certificates as sufficient documentation. They have, in any case, accepted this previously for those on the Van Riebeeck and the dhows.

I note that the "Santhia" can take about 1100 passengers. This leaves 640 from the List, which you will have seen by now, together with a further 52 who have registered since.

General Red Cross work.

Future possibilities for Red Cross work here rest chiefly, I think, in the Blood Transfusion Service, Practical First Aid courses and, possibly, some forms of Welfare such as visiting non-hospitalised chronically ill. I think the local Committee as presently constituted could keep these services going for the time being(the first aid would require a guiding hand initially) but it is important that this Committee should be attached to a parent body, which brings us to the question of the Union of Tanganyika and Zanzibar,.

Briefly, there are one or two signs that Dar es Salaam is slowly beginning to exert its authority, but these arefew and far between. Three Tanganyika ministers are now on the island (though they do not appear to be doing much) and there was, of course, the request from Dar es Salaam that after June 30th Diplomatic missions on Zanzibar were to be reduced to consular status. As against this, there is the present wave of arrests, which is worrying the local population, and the fact that the Embassy of

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the Germand Democratic Republic has not complied with Tanganyika's request. As yet, no further move has been made by Tanganyika and an official of the West German Government is reported to be in Dar es Salaam to "discuss" the problem.

With out wishing to be premature over attaching the Zanzibar Red Cross Committee to the Tanganyika Red Cross Society, the latter body might be advised to make a preliminary approach to its Government. The articles of Union probably do not cover a transfer of this nature and presumably supplementary legislation to the Tanganyika Red Cross Society Act would be required.

One still cannot state with any certainty that Union will become a reality, but the will is there on one side and it may be worth taking the risk and working in the direction of Union as far as the Red Cross is concerned, otherwise there is the possibilit of interference from other quarters, which would be undesirable.

N.H.Phillips.
BRCS/LRCS.

Dr. Phillips informed. P.a 93A

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FROM: C.R.O.

TO: ZANZIBAR No. 675

RPTD: DAR ES SALAAM No. 1331

D: 1911 hours 10th July, 1964
R: 0805 hours 11th July, 1964

CYPHER
PRIORITY

From Aspin.

My letter 2/56/705/8 of 30th June (not to Dar es Salaam).

ARAB REFUGEES

Have just heard from British Red Cross Headquarters that International Red Cross in Geneva have agreed to help move Arabs to Muscat, and are sending George Hoffmann (their Regional Director for Africa) to Zanzibar next week to discuss arrangements.

2. Red Cross would be glad if you would so inform their local representative, Phillips.

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THE BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY
CABLE ADDRESS: BRITREDCROS, LONDON, S.W.1.
TELEPHONE: BELGRAVIA 5454
11, GROSVENOR CRESCENT,
LONDON, S.W.1.

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7th July, 1964.

Dear Mr. Crosthwait,

(89)

Thank you so much for your letter of the 1st July, enclosing copies of the list of Manga Arabs who want to return to Muscat and Oman.

Janet Adams is now back in this country, having a well deserved rest. She spent a few days in Geneva last week and is in touch with the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees and the I.C.R.C.

I will keep you informed of any results that transpire, but in the meantime thank you again so much for all your help.

With all best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Joan Whitty

Director,
Overseas Development Department.

His Excellency The Deputy High Commissioner,
British High Commission,
Vuga,
P.O. Box 1180,
Zanzibar.

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6th July, 1964

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Thank you for your letter No. 2-EA/56/705/8 of the 30th June. I am so glad to hear that the P.U.S. had time to see Mrs. Adams. She has done a first-class job here and must have appreciated his interest.

2. As for the questions you ask in the final paragraph of your letter I have really very little to add to what I have already reported to the C.R.O. on several occasions. There is no future for the Manga Arabs in Zanzibar. They are regarded as foreigners whose loyalties are directed not to the Black African Government of Karume but to the Sultanate with its roots in Arabia and now in Britain. These people dare not go back to the countryside outside Zanzibar where most of them earned their living as shopkeepers or petty landowners. They congregate in Zanzibar city and the great majority are unemployed and rapidly becoming unemployable. With the run down of the economy there is little or no chance that they will ever be able to get work. Those who have any money (and they must constitute a small minority) must be living on their savings and will become completely destitute when these are exhausted. only a very small number (Mrs. Adams is much better able to estimate the

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N. Aspin, Esq.,
East Africa Political Department,
Commonwealth Relations Office,
LONDON, S.W.1.

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proportion than I am) have the money to pay their fares back to Muscat and Oman.

3. Mrs. Adams is again better able than I to assess the risk of the Red Cross being forced to close down its feeding and welfare operation. Karume has already shown some irritation that this operation has continued for so long. Phillips tells me that there is a possibility, which is at present relatively slight, that an unforeseen incident may lead to trouble at the Red Cross's main feeding centre. Apart from this I would not think that these Arabs are exposed to any particular danger at present. They might, however, again be at risk if there should at any time be intercommunal strife; there must be many Africans here who would exploit another opportunity for attacking the Arabs again.

4. Beyond a humanitarian desire to secure the removal of an unhappy, depressed minority to the country which they regard as their homeland, I can think of no particular reason why the British taxpayer should contribute to the cost of transporting these people back to their homeland. I know nothing about the circumstances of Muscat and Oman but it does seem to me that we ought to press the Sultan to do more for his people; or if he is too poor to do so, one would have thought that one of the rich Persian Gulf States could rally round. I recognise, however, that this may be altogether too naive a view of Arab politics.

(T.L. Crosthwait)

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FROM: C.R.O.

TO: ZANZIBAR No. 667

D: 0306 hours 4th July, 1964
R: 1015 hours 4th July, 1964

CYPHER
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Addressed to U.K. Mission Geneva telegram No. 355 of 3rd July repeated for information to Muscat, Zanzibar, Consul-General Geneva and POMEC Aden.

Scott's letter of June 26th to Powell-Jones.

(85) Information in your enclosure is confirmed by Zanzibar telegram No. 418 which was repeated to Consul-General Geneva.

2. We agree that these people are not responsibility of the U.N. High Commissioner and that intervention by him is not called for at this stage. We hope that the Red Cross will be successful in arranging with Muscat and Zanzibar authorities for their repatriation. We have no objection to the High Commissioner approaching OXFAM or Freedom from Hunger Campaign (who may also have funds available) if the Red Cross wish him to do so. We do not know whether terms of their trusts would permit use of their funds in this way.

3. We are unable to confirm that Sultan would accept these people. It appears that International Red Cross are making enquiries in Muscat but if U.N. High Commissioner is asked to use his good offices with the Sultan once again, we should have no objection, though we do not wish to encourage him to become involved.

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ZAN.75/18/9 1st July, 1964

Nick Phillips has asked me to pass to you the enclosed copies of the list of Manga Arabs who want to return to Muscat and Oman. He tells me that these Arabs are still reaching Zanzibar from Pemba and that there may in consequence be some more names to add later.

2. I understand that the intention is for the International Red Cross to pass this list to the Omani authorities. It seems clear however that the brief particulars supplied in these lists will not enable them to decide whether individual families really have connections with Muscat and Oman. If the Muscat authorities need to satisfy themselves in advance that each family has the requisite minimum connections with the country it will take a long time for there to be any appreciable movement. If the people are to be got away soon, it would seem that they will have to be persuaded either to accept the validity of whatever screening can be done here in Zanzibar; or, if they want something more thorough, they will have themselves to send officials to screen and document these people in Zanzibar before they leave. It is also desirable that the Muscat authorities should accept emergency certificates issued in Zanzibar as valid for identification and travel purposes.

3. Nick Phillips (whom I am delighted to see back here) asked me to let you know that he has restarted the feeding using Red Cross funds. He will let you know the cost as soon as he can.

/4.

Miss J. Whittington, O.B.E.,
British Red Cross,
11 Grosvenor Crescent,
LONDON, S.W.1.

4. Please do not hesitate to write to me if I or my Office here can be of any help.

5. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Aspin in the Commonwealth Relations Office.

(T.L. Crosthwait)

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(whom I am delighted to see back here)

The ~~last thing we need is~~ to ~~ask~~ for Ayatollah to accept as valid the ~~...~~ ...

~~However this~~ It is also desirable that the Museum authorities should accept the emergency certificates issued in Zanzibar as valid for identification & travel purposes.

Mr le Bretton/Mr Bowden
Mr. Bowden
To see Thanks
E&B

1821. BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL,
MUSCAT.

Will Mr le Bretton
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June 30, 1964.

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Dear High Commission,

We attach a copy of a self explanatory letter received from the Sultanate Department of External Affairs.

2. Would you please note particularly the requests in para 2.

3. I am sending copies of the letter, with enclosure, to Dar as Salaam and Nairobi and would be grateful if they would regard the same as addressed to them. I am also sending copies, with enclosure, to Arabian Department in the Foreign Office and to Residency in Bahrain.

Yours sincerely

J. Greaves

(J. Greaves)

British High Commission,
Zanzibar.

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DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
MUSCAT.

No. 840/G-2/a. June 28, 1964.

Mr. Forrester, Manager of Gray, Mackenzie & Co. Ltd., has discussed with me the possibility of a B.I. steamer m.s. "SANTHIA" bringing about 1100 refugees from Zanzibar to Muscat early in August, 1964. He understands that the repatriates will be holding Omani Passports or emergency certificates. For the convenience of the shipping company I have advised him that repatriates holding valid Omani Passports will only be acceptable to the Sultanate as Omanis and there will be no objection to their entry into the Sultanate. As regards holders of emergency certificates I have told him that they will not be treated as bonafide nationals of this country in absence of any authority issued by the Sultanate. Mr. Forrester has since intimated Messrs Mackinnon Mackenzie in Bombay accordingly.

Although no instance of an emergency certificate issued by the British Consulars representatives in Zanzibar, Kenya and Tanganyika has been brought to our notice so far but it will be advisable to intimate these authorities that no emergency certificate may kindly be granted to any individual who claims to be an Omani without reference to this office. I further suggest that the Consular Authorities may kindly be asked to advise individuals to apply for clearance direct to this office giving place and date of birth in Oman, name of the tribe and reference of well known persons in their home town who can vouch for them.

J. Greaves, Esq.,
Acting British Consul General,
Muscat.

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COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE,

DOWNING STREET,

Our Ref: EA 2/56/705/8 LONDON, S.W.1.

30th June, 1964.

Dear Tim,

Janet Adams of the Red Cross came to see me yesterday to discuss the future of the remaining Arabs in Zanzibar. I took her along after our talk to have a few minutes with the P.U.S., who is a member of the Council of the British Red Cross.

As you know, Mrs. Adam's immediate concern is the problem of transporting these people to Muscat (the message in your No. 418 refers). She was due to leave today for Geneva to try to persuade the International Red Cross or the United Nations High Commission for Refugees to put up the money, but she told me that she was not optimistic. On the other hand, she thought that there was a chance that the Red Cross would be able to arrange for the Sultan of Muscat to agree to accept most, if not all, the 1200 or so Arabs who are anxious to leave Zanzibar.

She asked about the possibility of the British Government meeting the cost of chartering a ship. We were fairly discouraging about this, partly because we did not wish to deflect the Red Cross from putting the maximum pressure on their International Headquarters and the United Nations Fund for Refugees, and partly because we found the Treasury completely unresponsive when we previously tackled them on this matter when the Zanzibaris were sending large number of Arabs to Muscat by dhow. However, we agreed to review the position after Mrs. Adams' return from Geneva.

In case we decide to go to the Treasury on this, it would be helpful if you could provide us with the latest information on the position of the remaining Arabs in Zanzibar and an assessment of the risks to which they are exposed. Do you agree with the view expressed by Mrs. Adams that there is no future for these people in Zanzibar? Is there a risk of the Red Cross being forced to close down their feeding and welfare operations? What are the prospects of those Arabs who want to leave being able to pay their own fares? (Your telegram No.400 implies that some at any rate could do so.)

Yours ever,

Norman.

N. Aspin.
East Africa Political Dept.

His Excellency Mr. T.L. Crosthwait,
ZANZIBAR.

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FROM: ZANZIBAR

TO: C.R.O. No. 418

RPTD: MUSCAT NoM290
CONSUL-GENERAL, GENEVA No. M291
POMEC ADEN No. M74 SAVING

D: 0935 hours 29th June, 1964

CYPHER
IMMEDIATE

(87)

Your telegram No. 635 (not to all).

Please pass following immediate to Miss Whittington, Red Cross from Phillips.

B.I. Agents have informed Phillips that s.s. SANTHIA is available for charter early August to lift approx. 1,000 - 1,200 to Muscat. Cost £40,000 including victualling.

2. Agents willing accept only passengers holding Muscat passports. Zanzibar Emergency Certificates stated unacceptable.

3. List of Manga Arabs wishing to travel to Muscat will be forwarded to London by end of this week. Phillips suggests International Red Cross Geneva arrange for Muscat to accept this list and Zanzibar Emergency Certificates in lieu of Omani documentation.

4. Phillips would be grateful for early indication of action proposed by Red Cross Geneva.

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No. 635.

D: 1555 : 25

R: 0800 : 26

(CONFL:) HEADQUARTERS BRIT RED CROSS, MISS WHITTINGTON.

WILL BE GRATEFUL IF YOU CD PASS FOLLG MESSAGE TO MISS ADAMS.

BEGINS: RED CROSS WD LIKE MISS ADAMS TO RETURN BY AIR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO DISCUSS PROBLEM OF REMAINING ARABS: ENDS:

Spoke Mrs Adams.
She has called London.
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British High Commissioner

in Ceylon

P. W. Heap. Esq.

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7 Prince Street,

Colombo,

Ceylon.

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15th June 1964

Thank you for your letter No.22/376/1 dated 29th May 1964. The information has been conveyed to anxious relatives who I expect are now considerably relieved.

I would like to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of your assistance in getting us information about the Ceylonese in Zanzibar whenever we required it.

(Miss I.M.Kannangara)

P.W.Heap Esqr.,
British High Commission,
Colombo 1.

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FROM: ZANZIBAR

TO: NAIROBI No. 161

RPTD: DAR ES SALAAM No. 84 Saving

D: 1715 hours 22nd June, 1964

CYPHER
PRIORITY

Your telegram No. 168. 84

RED CROSS

Position of Arabs is changed only to extent that Karume is becoming resentful of Red Cross interest in their welfare. Any Red Cross officer in charge of operation here will need to be even more tactful and diplomatic than hitherto. In Miss Wood, recently posted to Zanzibar from U.K. to replace Mrs. Adams, these qualities are insufficiently developed and Adams fears that operation will end prematurely. I agree. Adams therefore wishes to secure replacement of Woods by Phillips; this was purpose of conversation referred to.

2. Although Arabs are not in any greater danger, please use your influence with Hoffmann to press Geneva to provide funds earliest.

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Your telegram No. 168.

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I agree.

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FROM: NAIROBI

TO: ZANZIBAR No. 168

RPTD: DAR ES SALAAM No. 90 Saving

D: 1310 hours 22nd June, 1964
R: 1415 hours 22nd June, 1964

CYPHER
PRIORITY

RED CROSS

Red Cross Representatives Phillips (Nairobi) and Hoffmann (Delegate General in Africa) called this morning to seek information about position in Zanzibar.

2. They had received phone call from Adams and Wood their representatives in Zanzibar who are apparently trying to organise removal of some Arabs from Zanzibar to say, in guarded terms, that "position a little more acute from Arab point of view".

3. We told them that we had no indication from you that there had been any deterioration in situation in last few days.

4. Phillips will be flying to Zanzibar on 25th or 26th June and hopes to call on you then. But Hoffmann would be most grateful if before then you could advise if any truth in report in paragraph 2 above. He is urgently engaged in seeking funds to finance removal of Arabs and if Arabs are in greater danger would want to press Geneva HQ quickly.

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FROM: C.R.O.

TO: ZANZIBAR No. 615

D: 1430 hours 19th June, 1964
R: 1900 hours 19th June, 1964

CYPHER
PRIORITY

Following received from Muscat.

Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 87 of June 18th repeated for information to POMEC Aden and Zanzibar No. 12 and Saving to Consul-General, Geneva, Bahrain and Residency Dar es Salaam.

Zanzibar telegram No. M285 of ~~April 24th~~ JUNE 17TH (83).

I do not think the Sultan would give discretion suggested in paragraph 2. I think it would be contrary to our attitude throughout this operation even to ask him.

2. The operation so far has gone very smoothly as a result of the liberal interpretation of the Sultan's instructions by his officials in Muscat. If the list could be sent to the Sultan, perhaps by the Red Cross, he might well pass it to these same officials to deal with. We could then hope for some results but it would of course take time.

3. In due course we could perhaps help by offering to notify Zanzibar of those accepted who could then document them so that they can travel. This would be in keeping with our normal assistance to the Sultanate.

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FROM: ZANZIBAR

TO: MUSCAT No. M285

RPTD: C.R.O. No. 400
POMEC ADEN No. M286 (Please pass High Commissioner)
CONSUL-GENERAL, GENEVA No. M67 Saving (C.R.O. pass)
DAR ES SALAAM No. 81 Saving

D: 1100 hours 17th June, 1964

CYPHER
PRIORITY

MANGA ARABS

Red Cross have compiled list of about 1,500 Manga Arabs who wish to return to Muscat and Oman. Most are destitute and would have been repatriated by Zanzibar Government if dhows had been available (movement has now ended). Those who can afford commercial passages are applying to me for visas. Majority only possess Zanzibar Identification Certificate, other papers having been destroyed during revolution.

2. There is no future for these people here but I have no means of judging whether individuals are Muscat subjects. Suggest Muscat Government give me authority to grant visas at discretion to all who can produce evidence that they have secured passages and who appear to be Omanis.

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~~3. There is no future for these people.~~

Sd

R.C.
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11th June, 1964

(80) Thank you very much indeed for your letter of the 8th June introducing Miss Helen Wood. I am delighted to see her here and will do all that I can for her.

We will be very sorry indeed to see Janet Adams go. She has not only done an excellent job here but has been most helpful in introducing my wife (who did not reach Zanzibar until the middle of March) to the many friends she has made among the Zanzibar ladies.

From what Janet tells me there can be no doubt that there is still a job for the British Red Cross to do here. Recent events have done little to re-assure the Arab community which still needs the help which only the Red Cross can provide.

(T.L. Crosthwait)

Sir Patrick Renison, G.C.M.G.,
The British Red Cross Society,
14 & 15 Grosvenor Crescent,
LONDON, S.W.1.

THE BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

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BY HAND

PR/DD

8th June, 1964.

Dear Crosthwait,

This letter is to introduce to you Miss Helen Wood, who is leaving England today to relieve Mrs. Janet Adams in Zanzibar. Miss Wood is a very experienced Red Cross officer from the Hampshire Branch of the British Red Cross Society. She has recently worked for three months with our relief team in Cyprus and has now volunteered to work in Zanzibar after a few weeks leave in this country.

Helen Wood will be able to spend a week or two with Janet Adams before Janet leaves the island, and I hope that she will thereafter be able to help things along until the Red Cross Committee in Zanzibar can perhaps manage on its own. We shall be very grateful for any help which you can give her while she is there. Wa hve gold her also to keep in touch with Miss Ella Jorden in Dar-es-Salaam. Helen Wood has agreed to serve in Zanzibar for a period of up to three months.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Renison.

Vice-Chairman.

T. L. Crosthwait, Esq., M.B.E.,
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In reply please quote:

No. 6167/9

HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
ADEN.

8th June 1964

Dear Crosthwait,

Thank you for your letter no. ZAN. 75/18/9 of the 29th April, a reply to which has been somewhat delayed as I had hoped to have a report from Mukalla on the arrival of the dhow Kesri. The dhow is reported as having reached Mukalla on the 10th May but so far I have received no further information on the condition in which the travellers on the dhow arrived or of the numbers of other Hadhramis in the camps on Zanzibar. As soon as a report on these matters is received from Mukalla I shall pass it on to you. In the meantime in the absence of any reports to the contrary it can be assumed that these particular refugees have survived the rigours of their journey and are rejoining their families in the Eastern Protectorate.

(65)

I am sending copies of this letter to Whitwell and to Shegog in the Colonial Office (with the request that he pass the second to Hickman at the Commonwealth Relations Office.)

Yours sincerely

Arthur Watts?

A.F. Watts

T.L. Crosthwait, Esq.,
British High Commission,
Vuga,
P.O. Box 1180,
Zanzibar.

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FROM: C.R.O.

TO: ZANZIBAR No. 574

D: 0532 hours 7th June, 1964
R: 0845 hours 7th June, 1964

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Following received from Muscat.

Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 83 of 6th June repeated for information Zanzibar No. 11.

(78) Zanzibar telegram No. M258 of June 3rd to me (via Foreign Office telegram No. 124).

A further 1,349 refugees have been accepted to date.

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Zanzibar telegrams.

(73)

Your last telegram was no 53 of May 5th. Grateful for ~~subsequent~~ report on subsequent arrivals.

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High Commissioner wants to see this

TANGANYIKA STANDARD

3rd June 196.

DISTRESSED DHOWS RE-STOCKED BY TANKER

Mombasa, Tuesday

PASSENGERS in dhows sailing from Zanzibar to Muscat were "packed like sardines" and living on half a tumbler of water per day, said a ship's captain here today.

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The larger dhow had 500 passengers on board, crowding the decks and the holds. They included many women and about 150 children. One woman had given birth the previous night.

They had left Zanzibar eight days before with their water tanks full. When they closed with the Southern Venture they had one barrel left.

He gave the dhow water to fill its tanks, two cases of condensed milk for the children and as much corned beef as he could spare.

The Southern Venture also provided food and water for the second, smaller dhow.

Capt. Leftwich said the following day he met a schooner which had left Tanga bound for Socotra, propelled only by an engine. He had supplied it with water, fuel and oil.

He later reported the positions of the ships and a destroyer was sent from Aden to check on their situation. The naval authorities there said they had to help many others dhows in similar plights.

"On the whole it was an adventurous voyage, "said Capt. Leftwich. "At the Seychelles we took part in a search for a fishing boat which was 24 hours overdue with three tourists on board."

BREAKING ROCK WITHOUT EXPLOSIVES

Considerable savings in time and money are stated to be the advantages of a newly-developed rock-breaking method which dispenses with the use of explosives. A specified quantity of kerosene is burnt in oxygen in a water-cooled pipe-lance, and heat from the lance melts the stone, cutting a channel through the rock. Masons then break blocks of stone free from the surrounding rock with wedges. The lancing method, which is being used on granite, is claimed to be safer than methods using explosives and can be operated when men are working nearby.

(The Hantergantick Granite Co. Ltd., Bodmin, Cornwall, England, and the Dartmoor Granite Co., Princetown, Devon, England).

EARTHMOVER AND TRACTOR COMBINED

A machine that combines the functions of earthmover and tractor has just been introduced for the smaller building contractor, for local authorities, landscape gardeners and agricultural contractors. The excavator boom is mounted in a way which enables the machine to work in positions impossible for the normal digger with fixed centrally-mounted boom - for instance, in a position almost flush against a wall.

(J.C. Bamford (Excavators) Ltd., Lakeside, Rocester, Staffordshire, England)

NEW MACHINE FOR PROCESSING FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

A fruit and vegetable processing machine which, it is claimed, sterilises up to one thousand cans a minute at temperatures up to 129 degrees centigrade, has been developed.

The machine is used at high temperatures to process vegetables and at a lower temperature (107°) as a fruit steriliser. It consists basically of a central steam chamber under pressure from two columns of water through which the cans travel on a high speed conveyor

(Mitchell Engineering Co., The Bridge, Peterborough, England)

PLASTIC DRAINS WITH A FIFTY-YEAR LIFE

Plastic land drainage pipes, claimed to last for fifty years, are to be put on the market.

Made of a polythene compound, the pipes are also claimed to be light and easy to handle and less expensive to install than conventional

/drains .....

EAS. 3 June '64.

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East African Standard, Wednesday, June 3, 1964, 5

Half glass of water a day on dhows

Standard Staff Reporter *Mombasa.*

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The dhows had left Zanzibar eight days before with their water tanks full. When they closed with the Southern Venture they had one barrel left, he added.

"They had been rationed severely since leaving harbour, Capt. Leftwich said. "They were allowed half a tumbler of water each per day."

He gave the dhow water to fill its tanks, two cases of condensed milk for the children and as much corned beef as he could spare.

"They were extremely grateful and as we left I saw the dhow captain take out his prayer mat," he went on.

One of the women on board had given birth the previous night.

Fish in payment

The Southern Venture also provided food and water for the second, smaller, dhow. "They wanted to give us fish in payment but we turned down the offer," Capt. Leftwich went on.

Considering their plight — they had still more than 500 miles to sail — they were very dignified, he said.

Capt. Leftwich added that the following day he met a schooner which had left Tanga bound for Socotra. He had supplied it with water, fuel, oil and a chart. He also checked its compass and gave it its position.

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Reg: Refugees file

SMALL EXCAVATOR FOR MINE REPAIR WORK

A small, manoeuvrable and inexpensive excavating and loading machine for repair work in mines, in particular for the removal of the scree that collects on supply and gate roads, has been developed.

Work of this kind has normally been done by pick and shovel, since it has always been considered a relatively minor operation, not worth the expense of a large power loader, which would in any case be difficult to handle in confined spaces.

The machines, powered by compressed air, has a boom with an operational range of 12 ft. 6 in. (3.8 m.) and is mounted on bogies for riding on mine rails. The boom is so constructed that the bucket can reach under a conveyor, or any other structure with a 2-ft. (0.60 m.) clearance, and can retract, elevate and discharge at any height up to 6 ft. (1.8 m.). It needs only 2 ft. 3 in. (0.68 m.) clearance between the roof and the point of discharge.

Actuation of the bucket control brings the bucket forward and upward in a scooping motion to the carrying position. As the boom is elevated, a parallel-action linkage keeps the bucket level.

The bucket is power traversed and the load is discharged through a drop door. Lowering the boom automatically locks the drop door.

All movements are controlled by two levers. The operator's seat remains stationary during slewing.

The manufacturer states that the machine has proved capable of loading out a 5-ft. (1.5 m.) dint in a shale pavement without shotfiring or other assistance, the unaided breakout force of the bucket being sufficient. It has worked successfully in congested roads, including one 14 ft. by 10 ft. (4.2 x 3 m.) main gate road occupied by a 30-in. (0.76 m.) conveyor near the centre line and containing pipes and cables.

In one application the machine, operated by one man, completed more work in a single eight-hour shift than had been done by a two-man crew in a week.

(Eimco (Great Britain) Ltd., 190 Piccadilly, London, W.1)

PREVENTING OVERHEATING BURN-OUTS IN ELECTRIC MOTORS

An electric motor claimed to have an improved safety device for preventing burn-outs by overheating has been developed by a British firm.

In place of the standard type of bi-metal protector, the firm has fitted a thermistor as small as a match head. This is stated to be more

/efficient ....

From: Lt.Cdr. E.C. Day, D.S.C., R.N.

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Royal Naval Liaison Officer,
P.O. Box 5135,
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No. 15 EAX. 13/64. 27th May, 1964.

The British High Commissioner,
Vuga,
P.O. Box 1180,
Zanzibar.

Dear Sir,

(75)

With reference to your letter ZAN. 75/18/9 of 20th May, I have spoken to Mr. Cresswell of Dodwell regarding the problem you raised and, although sympathetic, he was not very hopeful.

2. Apparently the problem is that they are being pressed by Arabs in both Dar-es-Salaam and Mombasa for passages and therefore allocations are difficult especially since they have been unable to obtain any increase in numbers on the passenger licences of the ships concerned.

3. I have explained that there are a number who are desperately anxious for a passage to Muscat and Oman and, while they will not commit themselves in any way, they have said they will do their best to help and that the situation is being kept under constant review.

4. The enquiry was made by me informally on behalf of the Red Cross.

Yours sincerely,

Eric Day

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EXTRACT FROM THE

TANGANYIKA STANDARD TUESDAY 26th MAY 1964.

The homeless in Zanzibar

A more subtle example of unity is the charity being shown by the United Republic to 10,000 refugees from Burundi. These Watutsi, victims of tribal conflict, left Ruanda last December and have since been housed in refugee camps, depending for their food and shelter on the kindliness of others.

The Government has agreed to offer them land in the Mwezi Highlands, where there is fertile soil in plenty and where these people can establish themselves as a community and be integrated into the nation. The Government is being helped in its Samaritan role with grants from the United Nations and other institutions whose purses are never closed when the welfare of human beings, whatever the colour or race, is at stake.

But despite this generosity from overseas, a burden must fall on the United Republic whose resources are finely stretched already. The sacrifice that the Government is prepared to make is therefore all the more commendable and it is yet another practical demonstration of faith and tenacity with which it pursues the ideal of African unity.

This public shouldering of responsibility for the well-being of Ruanda refugees makes the plight of the homeless in Zanzibar a deeper matter of regret. Hundreds of Arabs released from detention camps just before May Day are still dependant for food on the Red Cross and the charity of relatives.

The burden which the Red Cross is carrying is a heavy one, particularly for an organisation that depends for most of its work on funds from voluntary sources. Surely, after so many weeks, the Government should take over the job as a public liability. Charity begins at home.

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FROM: ZANZIBAR

TO: COLOMBO No. 2

RPTD: DAR ES SALAAM No. 67 Saving
C.R.O. No. 42 Saving

D: 1115 hours 26th May, 1964

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ROUTINE

Your telegram No. 3. (73A)

CEYLON CITIZENS IN ZANZIBAR

There are only five Ceylonese families in Zanzibar. They and their property are safe except for one shop looted in January. Most intend to return to Ceylon during next few months.

2. Mr. Ubenis, President of Ceylonese Association, is returning Colombo June 10th and will explain further.

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Your tel No. 3

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(Send)

D. F. B. Le Breton
26th May, 1964.

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20th May, 1964

Ever since the revolution the British Red Cross have been looking after a large number of Arabs whose homes were destroyed. These people nearly all have connections with Muscat and Oman. Many of them have been sent back there on dhows, but there are still about 800 of them unable to get back as the dhow season has now finished. They are apparently willing and able to pay the ordinary fare of £25 a head.

2. The only two motor ships on this run are the VAN RIEBEECK and the CAMPHUYS for which the agents in Mombasa are, I understand, Dodwell and Company. The agents allocate a small quota of steerage passages to Zanzibar, but the great majority are allocated to the mainland ports. The Red Cross have approached me to ask whether enquiries could be made from Dodwell and Company in Mombasa with a view to the Line which operates these ships either making special sailings in order to uplift these Arabs or, failing that, for passages from Zanzibar to be increased. I wonder whether you would be good enough to do this on their behalf. In any discussions with Dodwell and Company it is <u>essential</u> that you should make it clear that you are acting informally at the request of the British Red Cross and that there is no

/formal .....

LT. CDR. DAY, D.S.C., R.N.,
<u>N.L.O., MOMBASA</u>

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formal British Governmental responsibility for the welfare or repatriation of these people who are not British subjects.

3. For your own information this is the sort of enquiry that would be pursued through the local agents for the Line here, but I understand that the Red Cross have not been able to get much satisfaction from them.

4. I apologise for troubling you with this question.

(T.L. Crosthwait)

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ZAN.75/18/9

20th May, 1964

I would be grateful if you would transmit the attached letter from Mrs. Adams, the British Red Cross worker here, to Miss Whittington of the Red Cross in Grosvenor Crescent.

2. You will be particularly interested to read the passage on page 2 and page 3 outlining Mrs. Adams' views on the future of the remaining Manga Arabs here. I agree entirely with what she has written.

3. With reference to paragraph 2 of the letter, I enclose a copy of a letter I have sent today to the N.L.O. in Mombasa. It might be worthwhile for the International Red Cross also to tackle the ships owners in Amsterdam.

(T.L. Crosthwait)

N. Aspin, Esq.,
East Africa Political Department,
Commonwealth Relations Office,
LONDON, S.W.1.

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Sunday 17th May, 1964

Dear Joan,

Bert

By now you will have seen "Bertie" who was so good with the detainees, he kept their morale high with his daily visits to Prison Island and Chwaka, and they became fond of him and were so sad to see him go. They all dashed up to shake his hand and thank him, whenever one met them in the town or country since their release. He never got ruffled or annoyed and plodded quietly on.

Transport to Muscat - Urgent

Dodwell and Company, Mombasa, P.O. Box 1899, are the agents for the only two ships sailing to the Gulf (the dhow winds have vanished - so no more dhows). The firm is K.P.M. N.V.KONINKLIJE PAKETVAART-MAATSCHAPPIJ, Amsterdam and their two ships the VAN RIEBEECK and the CAMPHUYS. They sail about every two months. Now the agent here (Mitchell Cotts) have 811 "Manga" Arab names on a waiting list willing and able to pay £25 a head, for their fare. But, there are only about 50 at the most passages (steerage) allocated to Zanzibar and only about 150 steerage on each ship. As well as that I have about 30 families unable to pay their passages, destitute and wanting to leave whom the Government so far wont help financially - of course these people could have gone in dhows earlier but they believed they could return to their land. This they now find impossible. Could the League persuade the (? Dodwell) firm to call with an empty ship and take these people - or any other firm. I'm afraid that I believe there is no future at all for "Manga" Arabs on Zanzibar island shambas.

Finance

Mr. Hoffman offered to give me money to help with our problems direct from Geneva - this I turned down saying U.K. were financing us and if we ran short you would no doubt ask for their help. We have about £800 left and the £3,000 held in Tanganyika from the Church. The Ministry of Health said I could continue for a few weeks buying food on Government cash but the rest of the Revolutionary Council say 'no' and are now arguing. In the meantime we have on the Welfare Department's list, over 2,500 destitute with no financial means or food and we have therefore to buy ourselves at least the week's food for about 250 families and give it out on Monday - once again, on production of a food ticket or chit issued either by welfare, the Regional Commissioner, or us. This costs just under 1/- a head.

/Rehabilitation

Miss J. Whittington O.B.E.,
11 Grosvenor Crescent,
LONDON, S.W.1.

Rehabilitation

The Government scheme said to be operating in "about three weeks" is that with the fine new Chinese tractors just arriving and the Chinese Agriculturalists the shamba Arabs will be returned to the areas from which they came. They will no longer live in their own houses or own their own land but will be "helped" by community effort to build a new little house and will work on the land for the good of the state - this foresees a settlement of everyone's problems in three weeks from now! What they live on hasn't been said.

(1) Nearly all the remaining Arab men are elderly, and will be unable to build themselves houses, and I doubt whether their African neighbours will help - they have no axes or pangas with which to cut wood poles for frames and I doubt whether they will be given any, though they may. Nearly all are shamba owners who employed African labour. Few actually dug the soil. Many were shop owners. This is really a forced labour scheme.

(2) Most are, with reason, too frightened to return to their shamba areas. There are about 4 or 5 well-known "trouble spots" where the Macardo (spelling?) tribes live. These are Mozambique people Pagan/Moslem, filed teeth and heavily tribal marked and I should think interesting and loyal to their friends - however the Revolutionary boys promised that if they slaughtered the shamba Arabs and cleaned the country they would be able to live on the cleared Arab lands and be lord of all they survey. Now with the return of Arabs to the country they are naturally peeved and have burnt once more, repaired houses, and last week panga-ed and axed one man, four women and two children to death and put three more in hospital. (I have merely been told about the revolutionary promise I do not know if it is true.) Anyway, Arabs who had returned to unoccupied houses, have in many cases now come into Stone Town again. Of course the majority of Arab houses are either lived in by Africans now, or are too destroyed to inhabit. The result being that the Stone Town is bursting at the seams with vast quantities of Arab families living in very crowded conditions and in many cases without extra clothing or food. These are the ones we help - some shamba Arabs hid their money on the night of the revolution and have managed to dig it up again and these are the ones I suppose who can afford their £25 a head fare to Muscat and can buy their own food and clothing.

(3) The night before last about 12 senior Arabs released from jail on May 1st (29th April) were scooped up by the Military Police and rejailed, accused of trying to harrass the Government by slogan and pamphlets saying "Nationalist Party not dead etc". These people are, I would think far too intelligent to have done anything so foolist and I was told (I do not know truthfully or not) by an African that the young "comrades" (Communists) some of whom are Arab, framed them by distributing explosive hand outs quietly and then accusing the others of doing it - so as to get the intelligent people back in jail and to prevent the release of some of the ex-Ministers who were rumoured about to be freed. (Said Saud Ahmed Busaidy who is regretably one of those rejailed, Eirlys will be said to hear, had just asked Bert and me to dinner!) The three women and one child murdered were also Eirlys' friends from the Bohora camp.

+ since released

/All

All this adds to my belief that Arabs who were detained or jailed have no future here.

The head of the Army is a twenty-odd year old Arab Communist trained, and strangely there are a good number of young bushy bearded Arabs trained in either Cuba or Russia who arepillars of the tough ruthless revolution boys - must be odd when they see what happened to their fellow Arabs, many of whom are relatives.

Zanzibar Red Cross

I think the amalgamation of Tanganyika and Zanzibar had better be left for a little - Zanzibar is still quite touchy over this subject - and it would accept joining only if the Tanganyika Red Cross changes its name to include Zanzibar. It wouldn't like to be just either a Region or a Civision - this I imagine will need discussion in Geneva. Also if we were lucky enough to get Ernest we would lose him smartly if Mary M. was to be overlord.

I believe it essential to have a European with a strong will andgood personality here after I go. Even if we had Ernest - we need a Field Officer to replace me. A Revolutionary Council gent (we have some good ones but also some rather strange ones including some mainland gentlemen with longish matted hair and decided views), went to Bibi Kesi, our new chairwoman, and buttered her up about the good Red Cross work and wouldn't it be helpful if the Red Cross were given help by the Revolutionary Council boys who would love to assist and come on the Committee to "advise". Also the Youth League - the new Communist so-called Youth Organisation mainly anything from 30 - 50 odd purely political - would like to "help" by coming on the Committee. We are the only voluntary society functioning though the scouts are having a vague attempt and I think it is essential we continue non-political and quietly. This we can do I believe, but many of the Committee, though anxious to continue without unwanted help, would be too scared t say so, and the tact and firmness must come from the Field Officer.

Replacement of Me

I have tentatively booked a ship leaving 20th June - cargo - takes ages, back middle July! But wouldn't leave unless I'm replaced, please, by a Field Officer to administer any rehabilitation funds (!!!), keep an eye on the situation and restart the ordinary branch work now non-existent. A nurse for training classes would be excellent. My first choice would be:-

(1) Eirlys - well known, accepted. I liked.. If she wouldn't mind branch organisation and lecturing and junior blood donors and welfare and could spare 2 - 3 months and perhaps have Ernest as well. She might be lonely - rather few Europeans now but she wouldn't mind my house - though, which others might, as it's rather isolated from other Europeans other than our pally Russian friends.

(2) Would Ella, who I think dislikes Tanganyika, like to move over and run this for 2 - 3 months. She knows a great deal about what and how to run a branch and she might like a change if she could be spared - she just might find the house lonely but I think I could get another if necessary.

(3)

) Bridget - of course would be simply splendid and I know she wouldn't be lonely.

I wouldn't leave myself except I don't really think I could face tours of lecturs again without a bit of a holiday or the master blood donor campaign which must be undertaken soon.

I would like whoever comes to come a week or so before I left so they could meet everyone - and take over the car, house and steward without a break. If once we leave the house, I doubt whether we would get it back - and its a simply lovely house - the best I've ever been in - 3 bedrooms, splendid garden and altogether delightful.

The other possible hope might be Marjorie Vaughan if she is back - isn't she rather a splendid person, and having been in Nairobi maybe speaks Swahili (our meetings in future are to be in Swahili!)

(What a fearful long scrawl.)

Dhows

Most have arrived safely though a few still due to arrive including the VANADYR a leaky old-engined tub.

League Help

Apart from possible cash would it be possible for Kuwait and Saudi Arabia and any other Arab country (Egypt wont, she's too busy "fraternising" (?) here) to offer hospitality to Arab families and pay their fares. I truly believe that might be of very great help in solving the future of many of these persecuted Arabs, they will not be safe here, no matter what rosy coloured specs. are worn by the Government officials and promises of "it will all be all right - next week - next year - next decade" mean nothing. Perhaps debonair George Hoffman would produce his views on this. The country Arabs are going to be forced labour gangs and will I believe never feel really safe again. Many of the affected families have twice endured this persecution.

Urgent

(1) Ship for those able to pay (811) plus a few unable.

(2) Field Officer about 10th June.

(3) Cash for destitutes (Government doesn't mind if they starve!)

Yours,

JANET

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FROM: COLOMBO

TO: ZANZIBAR No. 3

RPTD: DAR ES SALAAM No. 4
C.R.O. No. 380

D: 1445 hours 16th May, 1964
R: 1015 hours 17th May, 1964

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Our telegram No. 1 to Zanzibar and Zanzibar No. 1 to us.

CEYLON CITIZENS IN ZANZIBAR

Ceylon authorities have again asked us to enquire about welfare of Ceylonese in Zanzibar and in particular whether anyone seriously affected by Government's nationalisation policies.

2. Grateful for any information.

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FROM: C.R.O.

TO: ZANZIBAR No. 408

D: 0623 hours 7th May, 1964
R: 1200 hours 7th May, 1964

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Following is text of Muscat telegram addressed to Foreign Office No. 53 of May 5th, repeated for information to C.R.O., Consul-General Geneva, POMEC Aden, Zanzibar No. 10 Bahrain and F.O.M.E.

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My telegram No. 50 of May 3rd: (67)

ZANZIBAR REFUGEES

Dhow Al Badri has arrived from Zanzibar with 200 refugees. All acceptable.

2. 12 doubtful cases reported in my telegram No. 42 have now been accepted.

Ends

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SAVING TELEGRAM

From: British High Commissioner, Zanzibar

To: Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, London

D: 6th May, 1964

No: 38 SAVING

Your No. 403. (7)

MANGA ARABS

See my No. 327, paragraph 2, second sentence. I understand British Red Cross staff intend to remain for time being.

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FROM: C.R.O.

TO: ZANZIBAR No. 403

RPTD: POMEC ADEN
MUSCAT
F.O.M.E.
GENEVA (SAVING)

D: 0312 hours 6th May, 1964
R: 0930 hours 6th May, 1964

ROUTINE
CYPHER

Your No. 327. (69)

MANGA ARABS

Does the release of the remaining detainees spell the end of the Manga Arab saga or are there loose ends such as split families, orphans etc. Presumably Red Cross will continue its good work if needed.

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SEASONAL DHOWS SAILED FROM ZANZIBAR FOR MUSCAT

Name of Dhow	Port of Registry	Tonnage	Name of Master	No. of Passengers			No.of Crew	Date Sailed	Bound
				Adult	Children	Infant			
Kaderio (Sailing Vessel)	Bedi	95.01	Talu Ibrahim	50	25	9	10	1.5.64	Muscat, Cutch Mandvi.
Moha Laxmi (Sailing Vessel)	Bedi	68.33	Mohamed Latif	47	28	7	9	1.5.64	Muscat, Cutch Mandvi.

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FROM: ZANZIBAR

TO: C.R.O. No. 327

RPTD: POMEC ADEN No. M219
MUSCAT No. M220
F.O.M.E. No. M221
GENEVA (SAVING) No. M40
} CRO pass

D: 1215 hours 5th May, 1964

CYPHER
ROUTINE

ZANZIBAR REFUGEES

Dhows Kaderie and Mohalaxmi, registered Bedi, sailed 1st May for Muscat with 84 and 82 passengers.

2. Manga Arab detainees have now been released except for a few detained in Central Prison. Rehabilitation and relief of released detainees are likely to require Red Cross help for some time to come.

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2. ~~All~~ Manga detainees have been released except for a few detained in Central Prison. Rehabilitation and relief of released detainees ~~still~~ are likely to require Red Cross help for some time to come.

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On 5/5/1964

At 1215 Hrs. G.M.T. / Hrs. Local Time

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FROM: C.R.O.

TO: ZANZIBAR No. 398

D: 0050 hours 5th May, 1964
R: 0800 hours 5th May, 1964

CYPHER
ROUTINE

Following is text of Muscat telegram addressed Foreign Office No. 50 of May 3rd, repeated for information C.R.O., Consul-General Geneva, POMEC Aden, Zanzibar No. 9, Bahrain, F.O.M.E.

Begins

My telegram No. 42 of April 29th. (67)

ZANZIBAR REFUGEES

Dhows Al Salala, Al Sah (group undecypherable ? and) Fatih Alkhair have arrived from Zanzibar with 176, 65 and 205 refugees respectively. All accepted.

2. Dhows Maruf and Saad Al Razag have arrived from Mombasa with 65 and 63 respectively. All accepted.

Ends.

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FROM: C.R.O.

TO: ZANZIBAR No. 373

D: 0001 hours 3rd May, 1964
R: 0800 hours 4th May, 1964

CYPHER
ROUTINE

Following is text of Muscat telegram addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 42 of April 29th, repeated for information to C.R.O., Consul General Geneva, POMEC Aden, Zanzibar (? No. 8), Bahrain, F.O.M.E.

Begins

My telegram No. 36 of April 22nd. (62)

ZANZIBAR REFUGEES

Dhows Samhan and (group undecypherable) Al Rahman have arrived from Zanzibar with 204 and 140 refugees respectively. All except 6 have been found to be Sultanate subjects and have been accepted. Cases of the 6 are being investigated.

2. Dhows Saad Razaq and Hafidh Al Razaq have arrived from Mombasa with 63 and 85 respectively. All accepted except 6 whose cases are also being investigated.

Ends.

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ZAN.75/18/9 29th April, 1964

Hadhrami Community in Zanzibar

Please refer to your letter No. 616/63 of the 4th April. You will by now have had my telegram No. M205 to POMEC (which I asked should be passed to you) about refugees on the dhow Kesri. This sailed from Zanzibar on the 26th April and was carrying 42 adult passengers, 36 children and 5 infants. The dhow is registered in Cutch Mandvi and the declared port of destination was Mukalla. She is a sailing vessel of 90 tons without an auxiliary so may take rather longer to reach Mukalla than usual.

2. I am afraid that I did not know that the passengers may have been British Protected Persons until after the dhow had sailed. It would in any case have been impossible for my staff to distinguish them from the Omani Arabs who form the great majority of the refugees. I am also afraid that any indication of interest in these people (none has approached the High Commission directly) would be seized upon by the Zanzibar authorities as an excuse for throwing liability for repatriation on to us or the State Governments whose interests you represent.

/3.

A.F. Watts, Esq.,
Acting Deputy High Commissioner,
High Commissioner's Office,
ADEN

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3. I suggest that when the Kesri arrives it might be useful for you to arrange to question these refugees to find out whether there are any more of their compatriots still in the camps here. I could then consider whether anything special needs to be done to help them. I am in almost daily touch with the British Red Cross staff who work in these camps, and the occupants seem to be well looked after. They are certainly safer and better off in the camps than they would be outside.

4. The Red Cross workers are also naturally greatly interested to know in what condition they arrive. Perhaps you could let me know.

5. I am copying this letter to Whitwell and to Shegog in the Colonial Office and to Hickman, C.R.O.

(T.L. Crosthwait)

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High Commissioner's Office,
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HADHRAMI COMMUNITY IN ZANZIBAR

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2. I am afraid that I did not know that the passengers may have been British Protected Persons until after the dhow had sailed. It would in any case ~~probably~~ have been impossible ~~very difficult~~ for my staff to distinguish them from the Omani Arabs who form the great majority of the refugees. I am also ~~frankly very much~~ afraid that any indication of interest in these people (none has approached the High Commissioner directly) would be seized upon by the Zanzibar authorities as an excuse for throwing liability for

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repatriation on to ~~the British~~ by or the State ~~s~~ all Governments whose interests you represent.

3. I suggest that when the Kesri arrives ~~arrangements be made~~ to question these refugees to find out whether there are ~~any~~ many more of their compatriots still in the camps here. I could then consider whether anything special needs to be done to help them. I am in almost daily touch with the British Red Cross staff who work in these camps, ~~& In general~~ the occupants seem to be ~~reasonably~~ well looked after. They are certainly ~~much~~ safer and better off in the camps than they would be outside.

4. The Red Cross workers ~~who have been looking after these people for several months~~ are also naturally greatly interested to know in what condition they arrive. ~~At your convenience I would be grateful if~~ Perhaps you could let me know ~~what state the Kesri's passengers are in.~~

5. I am copying this letter to Whitwell and to Shegog in the Colonial Office. Yours Hickman CRO.

it might be useful for you to ...

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		MUSCAT	M212	
		F.O.M.E.	M213	
		GENEVA (Saving)	M39	
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My telegrams Nos. 281 and 310 to C.R.O.

REFUGEE SAILINGS

Port Officer has supplied following ~~particulars~~ version in ~~substitution~~ of ~~those~~ information in above telegrams:-

	Passengers	Sailed
HARI SAGAR	(32)	April 13th
ATITRAHMAN	(79)	~~April~~ 16th
NASRUL MULK	(85)	~~April~~ 16th
FATEL KHEIR	(104)	~~April~~ 16th
VANADIA	(165)	~~April~~ 19th
MUNSUR	(125)	April 19th
NASRI	(279)	~~April~~ 22nd
AT-KAHIR	(185)	~~April~~ 22nd
KESRI	(83)	~~April~~ 26th

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On 28/4/1964

At 1130 Hrs. G.M.T.

1130 Hrs. Local Time

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SEASONAL DHOWS SAILED FROM ZANZIBAR FOR MUSCAT

Name of Dhow	Port of Registry	Tonnage	Name of Master	No. of Passengers Adult	Children	Infant	No. of Crew	Date Sailed	Bound	Remark
Hari Sagar	Bedi (India)	44.45	Musa Dada	28	4	-	6	13.4.64 at 7 p.m.	Muscat Cutch Mandvi	Sailing vessel
√Atitrahman 79	Muscat (Arabia)	50.42	Salum Msellem	41	25	13	15	16.4.64 at 9.30 p.m.	Muscat Mtara	" "
√Nasrul Mulk 85	"	40.00	Swaleh Said	54	23	8	13	"	"	" "
√ Fatel Kheir 104	"	55.00	Salum Abdulla	65	28	11	12	"	"	" "
* √Vanadia 165	DSM (Tanganyika)	70.44	Ali Ahmed	107	58	21	16	19.4.64	Muscat	Diesel Engine
Munsur 125	Muscat (Arabia)	65.00	Mohamed Abdulla	110	85	30	10	"	"	" "
√Nasri 279	"	181.13	Mohamed Ahmed	153	90	36	25	22.4.64 11.30 p.m.	Muscat Kuwait	" "
At-Kahir 185	"	80.00	Rashid Ali	108	60	17	15	"	Muscat, Dubey, Bahrein, Kuwait, Sehut.	" "
Kesri 283	Cutch Mandvi (India)	89.18	Abdulrehman Saleh	42	36	5	11	26.4.64 at 6 a.m.	Mukella, Cutch Mandvi.	Sailing vessel.

Remarks: Adult means = Person over 12 years,
Children means = Person over 3 years but under 12 years,
Infant means = Person under 3 years.

HF * Vanadia is an ex Royal Navy Motor Launch 100' in length - twin screw diesel - not very reliable engines. HF.

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		MUSCAT	M206	
		GENEVA	M207	
		F.O.M.E.	M208	
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Your telegram No. 388, repeating Muscat telegram to Foreign Office No. 36.

ZANZIBAR REFUGEES

I am not aware of ~~any~~ intention to deport any refugees except those of Hadhramut and Omani stock. Some ~~may~~ have probably been resident for two or three generations in Zanzibar and may be unable to speak Arabic.

2. ~~Red Cross inform me that~~ Dhow KESRI sailed 25th April for Mukalla with about 50 refugees reputed to be Hadhramis, (passengers include number of ~~including~~ widows one with ~~serious~~ unhealed bullet wound in shoulder.

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On 27/4/1964

At 1430 Hrs. G.M.T.

Hrs. Local Time

DHOW. TRANSPORTING Arabs to Mukalla.

KESRI
Reg: C[redacted] MADUI. (India)
owner. ALI MUSSA.
Capt: [redacted] Abdul RAIMAN SALLEH.
Tonnage 90.
Sail. No engine
loaded. 25th April Approx: 50 people
Sailed. 25th April for Mukalla.

(Several widows aboard, one with rudimentary bullet hole in shoulder - arm useless. Wound healing well after 4 operations including one by Quaylis).

All passengers repeated to be aliens of the Hadhramut.

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INWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: C.R.O.

TO: ZANZIBAR No.338

D: 0235 hours 24th April 1964
R: 0915 hours 24th April 1964

CYPHER
ROUTINE

Following text of Muscat telegram addressed Foreign Office No.36 of 22nd April repeated for information C.R.O 5, Consul General Geneva, POMEC Aden, Zanzibar No.7, Bahrain and F.O.M.E.

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ZANZIBAR REFUGEES

There is strong rumour in the market, originating from returned refugees, that we are reaching the end of Sultanate subjects and that future batches (? group omitted) include Zanzibar citizens and others (particularly Tanganyikans). It is said that they cannot speak Arabic.

2. Zanzibar telegram No.269 of April 14th to the C.R.O. indicates that this may not be the case. But if it is, I think it very unlikely the Sultan will allow such non-Omanis to land. He has been entirely consistent on this point.

Ends

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UKREP ZANZIBAR

329 FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FO TEL ADDRESSED UKMIS NY
2526 FO 21/4 RFI ZANZIBAR POMEC (ADEN) MUSCAT AND BAHRAIN
BEGINS YOUR TEL 837 WE ARE REPEATING LATEST RELEVANT TELEGRAMS (60)
TO YOU ENDS

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KEEPS YOU IN TOUCH VIA CW

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FROM: C.R.O.

TO: ZANZIBAR No. 323

D: 0925 hours 21st April, 1964
R: 1500 hours 21st April, 1964

CYPHER

PRIORITY

Following is text of U.K. Mission New York telegram addressed to Foreign Office No. 837 of 20th April, repeated for information to Muscat, Bahrain, Washington, Zanzibar No. 1 POMEC Aden.

Begins

(54)

Washington telegram No. 1412 not to POMEC Aden.

ARAB REFUGEES FROM ZANZIBAR

We have received enquiries from the Secretariat and from several missions including the Americans about the present circumstances of these refugees. The Secretariat have heard that the dhows in which the refugees are travelling are overloaded and possibly unseaworthy.

2. I should be grateful for any information which we can pass on to the Secretariat.

Ends

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FROM: C.R.O.

TO: ZANZIBAR No. 322

D: 0235 hours 21st April, 1964
R: 1155 hours 21st April, 1964

CYPHER
ROUTINE

Following is text of Muscat telegram addressed Foreign Office No. 34 of 15th April, repeated for information C.R.O., Consul General Geneva, Bahrein, POMEC Aden, Zanzibar No. 5, F.O.M.E.

Begins

Zanzibar telegram No. 261 of April 12th to C.R.O. (49)

REFUGEES

Motor Vessel CAMPHUYS and one dhow, FEIHAN, arrived today with 148 and 195 refugees respectively. Over half of the total are vagabonds.

2. All these have been found to be Omanis and have been accepted. Civic arrangements, reception and hospitality and local authorities' arrangements for transport to houses are working well.

Ends.

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FROM: C.R.O.

TO: ZANZIBAR No. 319

D: 1820 hours 20th April, 1964
R: 1500 hours 21st April, 1964

CYPHER
ROUTINE

Following is text of Muscat telegram addressed (9 groups missing) to C.R.O. Consul General, Geneva, Bahrain, POMEC Aden, Zanzibar No. 6 and F.O.M.E.

Begins

My telegram No. 34 of 19th April:

ZANZIBAR REFUGEES

Doctor who boarded motor vessel on arrival reports that conditions were quite good by local standards. There were only nineteen minor cases of sickness.

2. There was still reserve drinking water for several days. Fish were caught in plenty on the way.

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		MUSCAT	M 189	
		GENEVA	M 190	CRO Pass
		F.O.M.E.	M 191	

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My telegram No. 261. 49.

MANGA ARABS - SAILINGS

Following sailed 16/17th April:-

165 M.V. VANADYR (licenced to operate in East African waters only), - 140

104 DHOW FATELH KHEIR - 50

85 DHOW NASRUAL MULK - 100

79 DHOW ATIAT RAHNA - 50

~~85~~ DHOW SALIM ABDULLA - 150

279 DHOW ~~NASSARI~~ MANSUR - 140

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1740 Total

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On 20/4/1964

At 1155 Hrs. G.M.T. / Hrs. Local Time

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INWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: C.R.O.

TO: ZANZIBAR No.315

D: 0040 hours 19th April 1964
R: 0800 hours 20th April 1964

CYPHER
PRIORITY

Following is text of Washington telegram addressed to Foreign Office No.1450 of April 17th repeated for information Muscat, Bahrain, U.K.Mission New York, Zanzibar No.21, Kuwait and Jedda.

Begins

My telegram No.1412 (not to all).(54)

ARAB REFUGEES FROM ZANZIBAR

State Department have instructed their U.S. Ambassadors in Kuwait and Jedda to enquire informally of the Kuwait and Saudi Governments whether they would be prepared to provide any assistance to these refugees. State Department have also asked us whether we expect refugees to encounter any difficulty on arrival in Muscat.

Ends

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INWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: C.R.O.

TO: ZANZIBAR No.316

D: 2355 hours 18th April 1964
R: 0800 hours 20th April 1964

CYPHER
ROUTINE

Following is text of Foreign Office telegram addressed to Washington No.5213 of April 17th repeated for information to Muscat, Bahrain, POMEC Aden, F.O.M.E., and Zanzibar.

Begins

(56)

Your telegram No.1412 of April 16th.

ARAB REFUGEES FROM ZANZIBAR

We regard the movement of Arabs from Zanzibar as a matter for arrangement between the Zanzibar Government and the Governments of interested states, which in this case are confined to the Sultanate of Muscate and Oman. The responsibility for addressing the Sultan of Muscat and Oman in order to secure his consent to their entry into the Sultanate lies with the Government of Zanzibar in the first instance, as does the responsibility for providing transport. We accept no direct responsibility in this matter.

2. Without prejudice to this position we have taken the following action. We have kept the Sultan of Muscat and Oman informed about the deportation of Arabs from Zanzibar. At an early stage in this affair we suggested that the Sultan should approach the Zanzibar Government which he refused to do. We have kept the International Red Cross and the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees informed of the situation reported to us by the British High Commissioner in Zanzibar, and we have encouraged the U.N. High Commissioner to use his good offices with the Sultan to secure admission for the deported Arabs.

3. The British Forces in the area concerned have been instructed that if any of the vessels carrying Arab Refugees from Zanzibar is encountered and needs drugs, water or food, these may be supplied. They have instructions not to remove or try to land any passengers, except to save life.

4. The British Red Cross is active in Zanzibar in managing the camps in which the Arabs are contained, attempting to keep themselves informed of the situation, and assisting deportees as much as possible. We are concerned that the efforts being made by the British Red Cross and the International Red Cross should not lead to them becoming agents in the deportation.

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5. At present, we do not consider this situation to be a direct concern of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees under his mandate. It is, however, appropriate for him to use his good offices as he has done in addressing himself to the Sultan of Muscat and Oman and in offering emergency relief through the International Committee of the Red Cross.

6. You may so inform the State Department and say that we are continuing to watch developments in this unfortunate affair with a view to offering as much humanitarian assistance as we are able without prejudicing our official position of non-involvement.

Ends

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INWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: C.R.O.

TO: ZANZIBAR No.309

D: 1720 hours 17th April 1964
R: 0800 hours 18th April 1964

CYPHER
ROUTINE

Following is text of Muscat telegram addressed Foreign Office No.33 of 16th April repeated for information to C.R.O., Consul General Geneva, POMEC Aden and Zanzibar. No.4.

Begins

Zanzibar telegram No.269 to C.R.O.

REFUGEES

1. The Sultan has still had no communication from the Zanzibar Government. Presumably there will not now be one. His position remains as in para 2 of my telegram No.19 of February 16th.

2. In these circumstances, and in the light of Zanzibar telegram No.256 of April 9th to C.R.O., I think it better not to ask the Sultan if the total will be acceptable (para 3 of C.R.O. telegram No.263 of April 9th to Zanzibar). The Sultan knows the total will be considerable. Specific question to him might well provoke adverse reaction, whereas indications are that he is resigned to accepting his Omani subjects arriving as a fait accompli. The fact that they will be arriving in reasonable sized batches at irregular intervals will also serve to lower the impact.

3. There is reasonable chance of their acceptance and I think we must hope for the best. Zanzibar telegrams giving notice of sailings are very helpful.

Ends

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INWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: C.R.O.

TO: ZANZIBAR No.291

D: 0937 hours 16th April 1964
R: 0900 hours 17th April 1964

CYPHER
ROUTINE

Following is text of Washington telegram addressed to Foreign Office No.1412 of 15th April repeated for information to Muscat, Bahrain, U.K. Mission New York and Zanzibar No.18.

Begins

ARAB REFUGEES FROM ZANZIBAR

State Department have received enquiries about steps being taken to alleviate suffering of Arab refugees from Zanzibar at present en route for Oman and in particular on whether U.S. Government proposed to offer any relief. They would be grateful for information on what assistance, if any, is being given by British official or non-official organisations.

Ends

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INWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: C.R.O.

TO: ZANZIBAR No.295

D: 1915 hours 16th April 1964
R: 0900 hours 17th April 1964

CYPHER
ROUTINE

Following is text of Geneva telegram addressed Foreign Office, U.K.Mission No.153 April 15th repeated for information to C.G. Geneva and Zanzibar No.1, Saving to Muscat, POMEC Aden, FOME.

Begins

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Your telegrams Nos.206 and 198.

MANGA ARABS - SAILINGS

Miller gave the High Commissioner for Refugees on April 15th the information contained in Zanzibar telegram No.261 to the C.R.O:

2. In reply to a direct question from the High Commissioner Miller confirmed again that in transmitting this information to him H.M.G. were in no way implying that they considered his office to have any direct responsibility at present for these Manga Arabs.

Ends

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Red X file

Red Cross isle work praised

Standard correspondent

London, Tuesday.

OF the six Red Cross volunteers sent out from Britain immediately after the revolution, one is now working among Ruanda refugees in Uganda and two others had returned to Britain after completing two-months assignments.

It is understood that in an unpublished report a representative of the International Red Cross in Geneva, who visited Zanzibar recently, paid a remarkable tribute to British and local volunteers who were, he said, working in conditions unparalled in his 20 years' experience.

Powdered milk

The Society had alerted the Royal Navy of the route followed by dhows carrying refugees in case they should run into difficulties. Food and blankets had been given to women with young children together with 21 days' supply of powdered milk for babies.

Countries through whose coastal waters the dhows sail have been requested to watch for them.

● The Mauritanian Government decided at a Cabinet meeting to recognise the new Zanzibar government.

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Royal Navy in watch on island dhows' route

Ships of the British Royal Navy have been alerted to keep watch along the route being taken by dhows from Zanzibar carrying up to 150 Arab refugees each on their way to Muscat and Oman.

According to London reports last night, it is understood that the Navy was informed of the dhows' route by the Red Cross, which has volunteers working in Zanzibar. Countries through whose coastal waters the dhows will sail have also been asked to watch out for them.

There was still no confirmation from Mombasa yesterday of reports that one of the dhows was believed to have sunk off East African waters, though a spokesman confirmed that the Royal Navy had been asked to keep watch.

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283. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF F O TELEGRAM ADDRESSED UKMIS GENEVA 206 APRIL 14 AND TO CONSUL GENERAL GENEVA REPEATED FOR INFO TO ZANZIBAR AND SAVING TO MUSCAT POMEC ADEN FOME BEGINS . ZANZIBARTELEGRAM 261 TO C R O . YOU ARE AUTHORISED TO PASS ON THE

P2/31 .

INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS IN MY TELEGRAM 198. 2
YOU HAVE DISCRETION SIMILARLY TO PASS ON FURTHER SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION FROM ZANZIBAR ENDS CROSEC

COL 283. 206 14 261 198. 2

KEEPS YOU IN TOUCH VIA CW

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B.M.C. ZANZIBAR
22 APR 1964
FROM ..... TO .....

BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL
GENEVA

April 14, 1964

Dear Sam,

Thank you for your letter of April 6 (UNR 18221/11), your telegram No. 198 of April 8, and others, about the Manga Arabs at Zanzibar. You will have received a copy of my letter of April 9 to Mr. Gallopin of the International Committee of the Red Cross. I now enclose a copy of his reply.

2. Mr. Borsinger accordingly called on me this morning in order to clarify the position of the Red Cross. He repeated at some length what I put in paras 6-12 of my letter dated 24 March to the Foreign Office, copied to the other posts concerned. He did not show any tendency to suggest that it was the responsibility of H.M.G. to arrange to transport the Arabs from Zanzibar to Muscat, and, indeed, said the Red Cross perfectly appreciated our position. However, he did suggest informally that the problem being one between the Government of Zanzibar and the Sultan of Muscat, the British were in the best position to pass messages between these two States who had no direct relations with one another. He also added that if the British Government thought that the local situation in Zanzibar required a further visit by the International Committee, they would of course be happy to carry it out. I said there was no suggestion of such a need at the present, but would mention this to those concerned. Mr. Borsinger added that the High Commissioner for Refugees remained interested in the affair in case Arabs leaving Zanzibar were not accepted at Muscat or other possible posts of landing.

3. I am sending copies of this letter to Peter Scott here, and also to the High Commissioner in Zanzibar, to de Burlet in the C.R.O., to the Political Office in the Middle East Command, Aden, and to Duncan in Muscat.

Yours ever,

(E.P.Wiltshire)

S.Falle Esq., D.S.C.,
Foreign Office, SW1

COMITE INTERNATIONAL
de la
CROIX-ROUGE

Geneva, April 10, 1964.

Dear Mr. Wiltshire,

Thank you for your confidential letter of April 9th which has had my closest attention.

In fact, I received, on April 8, copy of a communication, identical to paragraphs 2 to 4 of your letter, from the United Nations' High Commission for Refugees. M. Borsinger informs me that the British Red Cross Society also received a similar message from the Foreign Office on the same day. It does not, therefore, appear that there was any break-down in Red Cross communications.

It does seem to me, however, that the Red Cross position with regard to the problem of the Manga Arabs at present being expelled from Zanzibar to Muscat should be clarified. I have therefore asked M. Borsinger to call on you on Monday to explain the situation.

With kindest regards,

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

Roger Gallopin
Directeur Exécutif

Edward Parr Wiltshire, Esq.
Her Britannic Majesty's
Consul-General
British Consulate General
41, Quai Wilson
Geneva

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		POMEC Aden	MI79	"

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I am aware answer is all.

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R: 1430 : 14

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Cypher

No. 281.

~~PRIORITY CONFTL 281 (281)~~ FOLNG IS TEXT OF MUSCAT ~~MUSCAT~~ TEL ADRSD TO FO ~~FCO~~

~~B~~ 32 OF ~~12~~ 12TH APRIL REPTD FR INFMN TO POMEC ADEN CONSUL GENERAL GENEVA

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ND ZZFAR 3 ~~9~~. BEGINS. YRTEL 64 ~~64~~ OF ~~9~~ 9TH APRIL ND CRO ~~CRO~~ TEL 263 ~~263~~

OF ~~9~~ 9TH APRIL TO ZZFAR. HOW MANY OF THES AR OMANIS

OR AT LEAST CLAIM TO BE OMANIS ~~OMANIS~~ ? ~~QUERY~~. ENDS ~~FIN~~

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OUTWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: ZANZIBAR

TO: C.R.O. No.261

RPTD: POMEC ADEN No.M166)
MUSCAT No.M167) C.R.O. please pass.
GENEVA No.M168)
F.O.M.E. No.M169)

D: 1115 hours 11th April 1964

CYPHER
ROUTINE

My telegram No.240 (44)

MANGA ARABS - SAILINGS

✓ ATIAT AL RAHMAN sailed 2nd April. SALAM on 4th April with 131 adults, 76 children.

✓ FATEIKER, 9th April

115 adults and 86 children

BADRY, 9th April

103 adults and 102 children

✓ m.v. CAMPHUYS (for MAKALLA) 10th April

94 adults and 54 children

2. Total to date about 1100

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THURSDAY. APRIL 9th 1964

Deparees

CHWAKA. 507
BOHORA. 312
(children 188
ADULTS. 124.)

AGA KHAN/COOPERS 373.

100 go tomorrow on Dutch ship 'Camphuys'

APPROXIMATE Number to go on ensuing days 400

MR BOUCHIER ~~is~~, the Repatriation Officer will let me know exact number later today after visit to CHWAKA.

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My telegram No. ~~250.~~ 240.

MANGA ARABS — SAILINGS

~~Following dhows, both registered Iran,~~
~~left Zanzibar on 9th April:-~~

~~FATAH EL KHER - Total 201 refugees~~
(including 86 children)

~~BADRY~~ - 199 ~~(including 101 children)~~

~~Following sailings to date~~

~~Sandang~~ Ahtat al Rahman
sailed 2nd April. SALAM on 4th April
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~~for~~ 131 adults ~~and~~, 76 children

~~for~~ FATEIKER, 9th April,
115 ~~HS~~ adults and 86 children

BADRY, 9th ~~April~~

~~for~~ 103 adults and 102 children

M.V. CAMPHUYS (for MAKALLA)
~~40 [illegible] 65~~ 10th April
94 adults and 54 children

2. Total to date about 1100.

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SEASONAL DHOWS SAILED FROM ZANZIBAR FOR MUSCAT

Name of Dhow	Port of Registry	Tonnage	Name of Master	No. of Passengers. Adult	Children	No. of Crew	Date Sailed	Bound	Remarks
SAMHAN	Bahrein	140	Ali Ebrahim	118	75	20	8 p.m. 1.4.64.	Muscat	Diesel Engine
ATARAHMAN	Muscat	130	Abdulla Ali	88	56	15	11.30 p.m. 2.4.64	Muscat	" "
SALAM	Muscat	80	Moh'd Ahmed	131	76	11	6 p.m. 4.4.64.	Muscat	" "
FATEIKER	Dubai	182	Moh'd Ali Kanji	115	86	25	6 p.m. 9.4.64.	Muscat	" "
BADRY	Dubai	147	Ismail Moh'd	103	102	22	6 p.m. 9.4.64.	Muscat	" "
				555	395				

HEH/HF

The above craft are typical 'big' seasonal dhows averaging 140 tons (Thamer measurement) about 100' in length with a beam of 25/30'. Under engine alone they will probably make about 5 knots. They generally carry an adequate stock of poor quality provisions but are likely to be very short of water of which each probably carries about 5 tons.

NOTE The Dutch ship M/V CAMPHUYS 4962 tons gross sailed 4 pm 10th April for Makalla with 94 adult + 54 child passenger = 158

DHOWS. Sailing to Muscat.

FATAH[redacted]EL KHER. reg: Iran
Tonnage 182.
Owner. Ali Ahmed Kurji
Captain. Mohd Ali Kurji.
Survey. for 45.
loaded. 201. (86 children).
Sailed 9-4-64.

BADRY reg. Iran
Owner.
Captain. Ismail Mohd.
Survey - nil.
loaded. 199 (101 children).
Sailed. 9-4-64.

M.V. CAMPHUYS.
Owner. K.P.M.
Tonnage. 2,000..
Accomodation available 100 passengers
Steerage
loading 10-4-64.
Sailing. Via Mukalla.

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INWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: C.R.O.

TO: ZANZIBAR No.262

D: 0948 hours 9th April, 1964
R 0800 " 10th April 1964

CYPHER
ROUTINE

Following is text of Foreign Office telegram addressed to U.K. Mission, Geneva No.198 of April 8th and to Consul General, Geneva, repeated for information to Zanzibar, Muscat, POMEC Aden and F.O.M.E.

Begins

Zanzibar telegram No.240 (44) to C.R.O.

You are authorised to inform the International Red Cross and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees as suggested in the telegram under reference of the situation reported by the High Commissioner in Zanzibar.

2. In speaking to the United Nations High Commissioner you should make it clear that H.M.G. as a member of the Executive Committee is conveying this information to him about a situation which concerns the High Commissioner and that our doing so should not be taken to imply that we accept any international responsibility for the persons now being deported.

3. The request that we should inform the International Red Cross is presumably due to the breakdown of normal direct communications between the Red Cross representative in Zanzibar and the Committee in Geneva. In conveying information about the situation to the International Committee H.M. Consul General should therefore make it clear that in doing so H.M.G. is only providing a channel of communication and do not accept any direct responsibility.

Ends

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OUTWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: ZANZIBAR

TO: C.R.O. No.256

RPTD: GENEVA No.M160)
MUSCAT No.M161) C.R.O. please pass
POMEC ADEN No.M162)

D: 1540 hours 9th April 1964

CYPHER
ROUTINE

Your telegram No. 263 (45)

MANGA ARABS

Total number of Manga Arab detainees is now about 1,000. Number has never been higher than about 1,600 (see my telegram No.104, not to all).

2. About 1,000 Arabs are now on their way to Muscat in dhows. This total includes refugees mentioned in my telegram No.240 and other Arabs not, repeat not, housed in refugee camps. Approximately 500 more will embark in next few days (including 100 on Dutch ship CAMPHUYS).

3. I have no reason to believe that Arabs are in any immediate danger.

4. Assuming transport can be found it seems probable that Muscat will have to accept total of 2,500 or more.

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		POMEC ADEN	M162	

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Your telegram No. 263.

MANGA ARABS

Total number of Manga Arab detainees is now about 1,000. Number has never been higher than about 1,600 (see my telegram No. 104, not to all).

2. Most of the refugees mentioned in my telegram No. 240 and other Arabs not, repeat not, housed in refugee camps. About 1,000 Arabs are now on their way to Muscat in dhows. Approximately 500 more will embark in next few days (including 100 on Dutch ship CAMPHUYS).

3. ~~Your paragraph 1.~~ I have no reason to believe that Arabs are in any immediate danger.

4. Assuming

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it seems probable that
Muscat will be accept
total of ~~without~~ 2,500 or more. AB

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INWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: C.R.O.

TO: ZANZIBAR No.263

RPTD: MUSCAT
GENEVA
POMEC ADEN

D: 0235 hours 9th April 1964
R: 0800 hours 9th April 1964

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MANGA ARABS

Sir Patrick Renison (British Red Cross) visited C.R.O. this morning. He is very concerned at possible fate of detained Arabs. His estimate of the total number is about 2700. He considered that unless something was done to get them out of the country there was a real risk that they might be massacred.

2. Please confirm

(a) estimate of numbers

(b) degree of risk to them.

3. Will Muscat find out whether this new high total can be received and would be accepted by Sultan.

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COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE
PALACE CHAMBERS
BRIDGE STREET
WESTMINSTER
LONDON, S.W.1.

7 April, 1964

Dear Eccles,

Since I wrote to you on March 13th about milk powder for Hindu refugees from Pakistan, the Red Cross have been at work on the question of relief supplies for these refugees and for Moslem refugees in Pakistan. I have just been informed that the British Red Cross are transferring £1,000 to the Indian Red Cross for the purpose of relief supplies for Hindu refugees and are making a similar contribution to the Pakistan Red Cross for Moslem refugees.

2. I am copying this letter to Ormerod in Calcutta and Young in Dacca.

Yours sincerely,

R. M. Purcell

(R. M. PURCELL)
Nationality and General Department

B. Eccles, Esq.,
British High Commission,
Zanzibar

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Dhow SALAM. Registered
Dubai Capt. Mohd Ahmed
Rassid, owner Mohd
Abdul Aziz
Surveyed port Mauritius
35
Loaded 118 3rd April
Sailing as "next world"

for information

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UWR 18221/11 UK High Commission Zanzibar

With the compliments of

THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

FOREIGN OFFICE

April 7, 1964

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(UNR 18221/11)

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

April 6, 1964.

Thank you for your letter (52) of March 24 about the position of the 1000 Manga Arabs in Zanzibar.

2. You will have seen from McCarthy's minute B 1822/2 of February 21, copied to you, that the British Red Cross in London are well aware of the necessity of preventing their representatives in Zanzibar from becoming the agents of the Zanzibar Government's scheme to deport the Manga Arabs. They assure us that their representatives have been instructed not to approach the I.C.R.C. direct, but in view of the reports in your letter we have been in touch with the Red Cross in London, who have assured us that they will remind their correspondent in Zanzibar once again.

3. I am not clear from where the Red Cross in Zanzibar have the information that the Sultan of Muscat has agreed to allow the Arabs to land in Muscat. Muscat telegram No. 27 of March 15, repeated to you, makes it seem most unlikely that this permission has in fact been granted. But even if the Muscat Government had changed its mind, this would not be as a result of our representations, since we have made none. As you rightly state in paragraph 13 of your letter, we regard the movement of these Arabs solely as a matter for the Governments of Zanzibar and Muscat. Only when the Zanzibar Government approaches the Sultan of Muscat direct is there likely to be any progress.

4. I am sending copies of this letter to the High Commissioner in Zanzibar, to Scott in Geneva, to de Burlet in the C.R.O. and to Duncan in Muscat; to the latter two I am also sending copies of your letter.

(S. Falle)

E.P. Wiltshire, Esq.,
GENEVA.

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FROM: ZANZIBAR

TO: C.R.O. No. 240

RPTD: GENEVA No. M143
MUSCAT No. M144
POLAD ADEN No. M145 (Please pass also Naval Intelligence)
P.O.M.E. No. M146
(C.R.O. Pass all)

D: 1310 hours 3rd April, 1964

CYPHER
ROUTINE

My telegram No. 211. (40)

MANGA ARABS

Arab refugees are being transported on dhows to Muscat. Following sailings so far arranged:-

✓(1) Dhow SAMHAM (Registered Bahrein)

193 (including infants) - sailed 2nd April.

✓(2) Dhow ATIAT AL RAHMAN (Registered Muscat) Sailed 2nd April

148 (not yet sailed)

(3) Dhow SALAM (Registered Dubai)

(not yet loaded)

2. Port Officer considered Nos. (1) and (2) could be authorised to carry 50 passengers each, and number (3) 35 passengers. He was overruled by Karume personally and vessels are being instructed to sail without usual clearance.

3. I understand dhows carry insufficient food and water and lack safety equipment. No medical supplies. Red Cross here have done what they can. All passengers more or less destitute.

4. Naval authorities Aden might find it possible to assist if necessary. Passage usually takes 14 - 21 days.

5. C.R.O. please inform British Red Cross Society. Geneva please inform International Red Cross and U.N. Refugee Commissioner.

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		FOME	M146	
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~~Your Tel~~ My tel no. 211

Muanga Arabs.

Arab refugees are being ~~boarded~~ transported on dhows ~~for~~ to Muscat. ~~as follows~~ following sailings so far answered:-

(1) ~~&~~ Dhow SAMHAN (Registered Bahrein) — 193 (including infants) — Sailed 2nd April.

~~It~~

(2) Dhow ATIAT AL RAHMAN (Registered Muscat) — 148 ~~had~~ (not yet sailed)

(3) DHOW SALAM (Registered DUBAI (not yet loaded)

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2. Port Officer considered ~~suggested~~ ~~that~~ could be authorised was (1) and (2) ~~not~~ to carry 50 passengers each, and number (3) 35 passengers. He was ~~over~~ overruled by Karume personally + vessels are being instructed to sail without usual clearance.

3. I understand dhows carry insufficient food + water + lack safety equipment. No medical supplies. Red X have done what they can. All passengers more or less destitute.

4. Naval authorities Aden might ~~wish to keep~~ find it possible to assist ~~if~~ if necessary ~~they get into diff~~ Passage usually takes 14-21 days.

5. C.R.O. please inform R.R.C.S. Geneva pl. inform International Red X & U.N. Refugee Commissioner. Send

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OMAN MUSCAT REPATRIATION

(Note by Mrs. Adams, Red Cross)

All Dhows sailing direct to Muscat.

(1) Dhow Samham — Registered Bahrein
Captain Ali Ibrahim
Owner - his brother

Authorised to carry 50 passengers provided 4 extra tons of water carried. Dhow surveyed by European Port and Marine official.

Approximately 193 people, including infants, put aboard on 31st March.

Sailed a.m. 2nd April.

(2) Dhow Atiat al Rahman — Registered Muscat
Captain Salim Msellum
Owner - Abdulla Salum

Authorised to carry 50 aboard

148 put aboard 1st April.

(3) Dhow Salam — Registered Dubai
Captain Mohammed Ahmed Rashid
Owner - Mohammed Abdulla Aziz

Authorised to carry 35.

No-one yet put aboard.

Dhows carry insufficient water and food and lack safety devices. No medical supplies carried. President agreed to abide by Port and Marine survey on safety regulations. Government now authorises dhows to sail without Port and Marine permission.

Suggest B.R.C.S. HQ informed to notify International Red Cross Committee Geneva and United Nations Refugee Organisation Geneva, request Red Cross meet on arrival at Muscat. All passengers more or less destitute.

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In reply please quote:

No. 615

HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
ADEN.

4th April, 1964.

Dear High Commissioner,

Hadhrami Community in Zanzibar.

I am afraid we have been rather long in replying to your invitation for comments made in paragraph 8 of your confidential letter No.ZAN.75/18/9 to John Bushell, which he passed on to this office - his telegram No.50 of the 13th February to you refers.

2. Almost all the Protectorate Arabs in Zanzibar - so far as is known here - come from the States of the Eastern Protectorate and we have, therefore, had to refer the matter to the Resident Adviser & British Agent in Mukalla to obtain the States' views on the question of the possible repatriation of members of the Hadhrami community in Zanzibar. He now advises that the Qa'iti State immigration legislature would permit entry of refugees of Hadhrami origin whatever their present national status is and that, though having no immigration decree covering the matter, the Kathiri State Government would be likely to act on the same basis. Neither State would accept repatriation expenses in respect of nationals returned by the Zanzibar Government.

3. Both State Governments are most anxious to know of the condition of the Hadhrami community in Zanzibar following the revolution and I should be most grateful for any information you can obtain on its members and on the new regime's intentions towards them. Lest this request should cause some confusion, I should perhaps mention at this stage that you may have received a request for such information by us through the Colonial Office and the Commonwealth Relations Office as we did, earlier in January, seek such information as a result of approaches by the Qa'iti and Kathiri Sultans.

4. With reference to the 140 Arabs repatriated from Zanzibar on the M.V. Van Riebeck in early/mid February under Red Cross auspices, you may be interested to know that six disembarked at Mukalla. You indicated in your telegram No.117 of the 19th February to the Commonwealth Relations Office (repeated as M 111 to P.O.M.E.C., Aden) - this reference may not be available to you in view of your enforced evacuation for some time in February and I attach a copy for ease of reference - that this first batch of repatriates might be followed by others. I should much appreciate if you could let me have any information on whether or not further repatriates may be expected; though not perhaps always possible, it would be most useful for us to know details of any future departures as early as possible so that the Residency, Mukalla, may be informed in advance and arrangements made for reception should any be Hadhramis.

5. I am sending copies of this letter to Bushell at H.Q. Middle East Command and Shegog in the Colonial Office for their information.

Yours ever

A.F. Watts

(A.F. Watts)
Acting Deputy High Commissioner

T.L. Crosthwait Esq.,
British High Commission,
Vuga,
ZANZIBAR.

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FM FOREIGN OFFICE

TO PONEC ADEN

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CONFIDENTIAL TELNO375 19 FEB FOLLG RECD FROM ZANZIBAR PD ADDED TO CRO TELNO177 OF 18/2 REPTS FOR INFMN TO PONEC ADEN H111 PD GENEVA (FOR INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS) U/N HYTEL NO 128 (NOT TO GENEVA) PD HANGA ARABS PD ACCORDING TO BRIT RED CROSS WORKERS IN REFUGEE/INTERNMENT CAMPS CONDITION OF INMATES IS BEGINNING TO DETERIORATE OWING TO OVER CROUDING ETC PD REGIME APPARENTLY CONSIDER THERE IS NO FUTURE HERE FOR ABOUT 1400 OF THESE PEOPLE WHOM THEY DESIRE TO SEND TO OMAN MUSCAT OR HADHRAMAUT PD APPROXIMATE CATEGOR IES AND NUMBERS UNDERSTOOD TO BE AS FOLLOWS (A) 400 SCREENED AND AWAITING TRANSPORT PD UNDERSTAND THESE HAVE CLOSE TRIBAL CONNECTIONS

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WIT ARABIAN PENINSULA (B) ABOUT 600 WHO WANT TO GO BUT PROBABLY HAVE LESS CLOSE CONNECTIONS (C) ABOUT 400 WITH LITTLE OR NO PRESENT CONNECTION PD 2 PD NATIONAL STATUS OBSCURE PD UNDERSTAND MAJORITY ALMOST CERTAINLY ZANZIBAR NATIONALS EITHER BY BIRTH OR BY NATURALISAT ION PD) PD REGIME UNDERSTOOD TO BE MAKING HALF HEARTED EFFORTS TO CHARTER SHIP FOR TRANSPORT TO OMAN ETC MINISTER CONCERNED APPARENTLY SEEKING TO SHIFT RESPONSIBILITY TO OUTSIDE BODY PD INVESTIGATION OF POSN SHD BE FIRST TASK OF INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVES WHOM IT WD BE DESIRABLE TO BRIEF BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM GENEVA PD 4 PD GRATEFUL FOR COMMENTS FROM PONEC (SEE ALSO LETTER ZAN 75/16/9 FEB 7 TO BUSHELL) PD 5 PD GENEVA PL PASS TO RED CROSS

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NI 7: ZANZIBAR LISTS OF REVOLUTION DEAD AND WOUNDED (FOR SHERINGHAM ALSO)

EDNOTE ZANZIBAR SWAHILI 1105 MARCH 27 REPEATED YESTERDAY'S LIST OF PEOPLE WHO WERE KILLED OR WOUNDED DURING THE REVOLUTION. SINCE MARCH 24 THE STATION HAS BROADCAST THREE LISTS OF NAMES. ALLOWING FOR REPEATED NAMES, THEY CONTAINED A TOTAL OF 56 DEAD AND 58 WOUNDED.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, A COPY OF ALL LISTS WILL BE ENCLOSED WITH TONIGHT'S AIRFREIGHT PARCEL.

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NI 28: ZANZIBAR GIVES THIRD LIST OF DEAD

EDNOTE ZANZIBAR SWAHILI 1105 MARCH 26 LISTED A THIRD BATCH OF NAMES OF PEOPLE KILLED DURING THE REVOLUTION, ASKING THEIR RELATIVES TO CALL AT THE PEOPLE'S PALACE. TODAY'S RECORDING WAS INCOMPLETE, CONTAININGONLY 11 NAMES.

THIS FOLLOWS TWO PREVIOUS LISTS OF THE NAMES OF 38 DEAD GIVEN ON MARCH 24 AND 25.

END NI 28

OMAN MUSCAT REPATRIATION

(Note by Mrs. Adams, Red Cross)

All Dhows sailing direct to Muscat.

(1) Dhow Samham — Registered Bahrein
Captain Ali Ibrahim
Owner - his brother

Authorised to carry 50 passengers provided 4 extra tons of water carried. Dhow surveyed by European Port and Marine official.

Approximately 193 people, including infants, put aboard on 31st March.

Sailed a.m. 2nd April.

(2) Dhow Atiat al Rahman — Registered Muscat
Captain Salim Msellum
Owner - Abdulla Salum

Authorised to carry 50 aboard

148 put aboard 1st April.

(3) Dhow Salam — Registered Dubai
Captain Mohammed Ahmed Rashid
Owner - Mohammed Abdulla Aziz

Authorised to carry 35.

No-one yet put aboard.

Dhows carry insufficient water and food and lack safety devices. No medical supplies carried. President agreed to abide by Port and Marine survey on safety regulations. Government now authorises dhows to sail without Port and Marine permission.

Suggest B.R.C.S. HQ informed to notify International Red Cross Committee Geneva and United Nations Refugee Organisation Geneva, request Red Cross meet on arrival at Muscat. All passengers more or less destitute.

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FROM: C.R.O.

TO: ZANZIBAR No. 217

D: 0022 hours 28th March, 1964
R: 0810 hours 28th March, 1964

CYPHER
ROUTINE

Following is text of Muscat telegram to Foreign Office No.31 March 26th, repeated for information Consul General Geneva, POMEC Aden and Zanzibar No. 2.

Begins

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Zanzibar telegram No. 211 of March 24th to C.R.O.

The Sultan will not send message.

2. He said this morning that the onus of contacting him was clearly on the Gezira Government as was the responsibility for arranging transport. He knew these people. The message would in all probability spark off the reply that he was welcome to send armada for them at his own expense any time he liked.

3. He asked that his gratitude be conveyed to the Red Cross for their efforts.

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British High Commissioner
ZANZIBAR

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With the compliments of

H.M. CONSUL-GENERAL

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British Consulate-General,
41 Quai Wilson,
Geneva.

(52)

March 24, 1964.

Will you kindly refer to your telegram No. 22 of March 12th, and mine No. 13 of the 14th, about the position of the thousand Manga Arabs in Zanzibar and the proposal presumably emanating from the British Red Cross at that island, that the International Red Cross should organise and pay for the proposed transport of these unfortunate persons to Muscat.

2. Inspite of my telegram, a further message has now been received from the British Red Cross, this time addressed to the International Committee, but essentially a repetition of the previous plea, and asking for information about any further developments following the talks with Peter Scott.

3. Peter Scott, who was concerned owing to the involvement of the High Commissioner for Refugees, had, as early as March 4, reported to Powell Jones the reactions of the High Commissioner and of the International Committee.

4. On receipt of your telegram No. 22 of March 12th I went over the ground carefully with Mrs. T. Mathez and Mr. Hoffmann. The latter, of course, had only recently visited Zanzibar. We concluded that the situation as described in that telegram was unaltered, and we felt that the wording of your last paragraph implied that you were already aware, from Peter Scott's letter, of the attitude of the International Committee and High Commissioner for Refugees. They assured me that the attitude of the International Committee had not changed. It was, in fact, as Peter Scott had described it to you. I therefore kept my telegram brief, and repeated it to Zanzibar among other posts, assuming that the British Red Cross there would be informed of the negative response to their proposal.

5. It was therefore with surprise that Peter Scott and I received, on March 19th, from the International Committee, a message that plainly showed that the British Red Cross was still unacquainted with the International Committee's attitude.

6. The latter have once again stated in black and white that they do not consider themselves competent for the evacuation of civilians from a troubled area to what is in fact their home-land.

7. The Committee consider that they have fulfilled their duty in this connection in sending Mr. Hoffmann to Zanzibar to assess and report on the situation of these persons, whose life, as long as they stay in Zanzibar, can be considered as in danger for the reasons Mr. Hoffmann gave us.

/8. Mr. Hoffmann obtained ...

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United Nations Department,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

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8. Mr. Hoffmann obtained verbal assurances from the Chief of State that the Zanzibar Government has no objection to their departure. He, furthermore, obtained the nominal list of the incarcerated persons together with their dependents who were authorized to leave Zanzibar as soon as the Sultanate of Muscat and Oman had declared itself willing to accept them.

9. Pending clarification of their status and given that they could, in any case, be considered as potential refugees if it turned out that they were not in fact citizens of the Sultanate of Muscat and Oman, the International Committee handed a copy of this list to Mr. Schnyder, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, who, in his turn, transmitted a copy to Peter Scott, who transmitted it to you.

10. According to the telegram they had just received from the British Red Cross, the International Committee have come to understand that the Zanzibar Government has permission from the Sultanate of Muscat and Oman for the landing of these thousand Arabs in Muscat. They presume that this development is a result of our representations; they say it is clear that the intervention of a neutral intermediary is no longer strictly necessary in this connection, the Committee having informed all parties concerned of the problem and put them directly or indirectly in contact with one another. The problem that remains is one which lies totally outside their competency; it is simply a matter of transportation and costs.

11. The International Committee neither disposes of the necessary means of transportation (planes or ships) and would not know where to raise the necessary sums for an air-lift, for example, the cost of which, according to information supplied by Mr. Hoffmann, would be £ 60.000.

12. The Committee, therefore, feel that other agencies who are in a better position then itself to assume responsibility for such an operation should intervene. All the more so as, they repeat, the intervention of a neutral intermediary is no longer indispensable. The latter is the first criterion they have to take into consideration when considering any action.

13. I should add that on March 20 Peter Scott acknowledged receipt of this latest message and remarked to Monsieur Borsinger de Baden, of the International Committee, that, as far as he understood it, H.M.G.'s position was that in the first instance the movement of these unfortunate Manga Arabs from Zanzibar to Muscat was a matter for the Governments concerned. To this M. Borsinger de Baden replied that the Committee did not wish M. Gallopin's letter to be regarded in any way as an attempt to put pressure on H.M.G. with whose position they could not possibly quarrel. However, he did say that the Committee remained anxious about the fate of these unfortunate people, and very much hoped that some means would be found to pay for their transport from Zanzibar. Peter Scott told M. Borsinger de Baden that he would pass his last remark on to H.M. Consul General, and thanked him for letting him know the Committee's view.

14. I hope that the position may now be made perfectly clear to the British Red Cross both in London and Zanzibar; I enclose extra copies of this letter for other departments which may be concerned. I am also sending copies of this letter to the High Commissioner at Zanzibar, the Political Office, Middle East Command, Aden, and also to Peter Scott here.

Yours ever,

(E.P. Wiltshire)

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In on 40A casualties file

COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON. S.W.1.

23rd March, 1964.

Dear Le Breton,

Thank you for your letter of 17th March.

2. With regard to the article from "KWEUPE" it is certainly news to us that the custom of having more than one wife is a "typically bourgeois way of marriage".

3. With regard to the question of casualties during the revolution, I would be grateful if you could tell me what your final estimate is for killed and wounded, and how accurate the estimate might be.

R. de Burlet.

(R. de Burlet)
EAST AFRICA POLITICAL DEPARTMENT

D.F.B. Le Breton, Esq.,
ZANZIBAR.

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OUTWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: ZANZIBAR

TO: C.R.O. No.211

RPTD: CONSUL GENERAL GENEVA No.M.123)
MUSCAT No.M.124) C.R.O. PASS
POMEC ADEN No.M.125)

D: 1345 hours 24th March 1964

CYPHER
PRIORITY

Your telegram No.191 (not to all). (37)

MANGA ARABS

British Red Cross state plans for despatch by dhows likely to fall through. Alternative arrangements for shipping about 100 by Dutch ship CAMPHUYS about March 30th to Muscat are now under consideration.

2. Red Cross tell me that with onset of rains expected deterioration of conditions in camps is occurring with consequent suffering for Omani subjects. Suggest you consider prompting Sultan of Muscat to send message to Zanzibar Government (to which maximum publicity should be given) expressing concern at conditions under which several hundreds of his subjects are incarcerated and asking for them to be improved.

3. Suggest also that advantage be taken of presence of Minister of External Affairs, Babu, for UNCTAD meeting in Geneva for International Red Cross and Omani delegation, if there is one, to tackle him on subject.

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Your telegram No. 191 (not to all).

MANGA ARABS.

British Red Cross ~~representatives~~ state plans for despatch by dhows likely to fall though ~~due limited capacity of dhows.~~ Alternative ~~plan~~ arrangements for shipping about 100 by Dutch ship CAMPHUYS about March 30th to Muscat ~~under~~ on new consideration.

2. Red Cross tell me that with onset of rains expected deterioration of conditions in camps is ~~taking place~~. ~~Is it not time~~ Sultan of Muscat to send message to which maximum publicity should be given expressing concern at conditions under which

/several .....

becoming with consequent suffering for Omani subjects

Suggest you consider prompting

to Zanzibar Govt

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several hundreds of his subjects are incarcerated ~~by Zanzibar Government~~ and asking for them to be improved.

3 Suggest also that advantage be taken of presence of Minister of External Affairs, Babu, for UNCTAD meeting in Geneva for International Red Cross to tackle him on subject. ~~If Muscat is also represented concern might also be expressed to him through Muscat delegation.~~

+ ~~and~~ Omani delegation, if there is one,

Seen

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Zanzibar

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THE ICRC VISITS PERSONS DETAINED AS A RESULT OF THE REVOLUTION

Mr. Georg Hoffmann, General delegate of the ICRC for Sub-equatorial Africa, went on a brief mission to Zanzibar between February 26 and March 3.

He was received by the President of the Republic, Mr. Abeid Amani Karume, and paid visits to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Health.

He made most satisfactury contacts with the local Red Cross, which is assisting in an admirable manner detainees and their families, the victims of the events. Mr. Hoffmann made an on-the-spot examination of all problems arising from such aid. He visited five places of detention established in the island, in which there were about 1900 persons who had been arrested during the recent events.

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THE BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

Cable Address: BRITREDCROS. LONDON. S.W.1
Telephone BELgravia 5454

11, GROSVENOR CRESCENT.
LONDON. S.W.1.

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JW/JN

20th March, 1964.

Dear Mr. Crosthwait,

Thank you so much for your letter of March 11th which I have shown to Sir Patrick Renison, and which I believe he has now acknowledged officially.

I am most grateful to you for giving us a report on Janet and we have now both written and cabled to her to take some leave in Nairobi before Mrs. Brittain has to leave.

Two of the Red Cross men will be leaving at the end of March, and unless we hear from Janet that she urgently needs help, we do not propose to replace them. I am however anxious that if we do not do so this may put a greater burden on Janet herself if the people she is looking after are not moved soon.

We will be most grateful if you will watch the situation, and please may we ask you to cable us if necessary if you think Janet will require further help.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Joan Wright

Director,
Overseas Development Department.

His Excellency, The High Commissioner,
British High Commission,
Vuga,
P.O. Box 1180,
Zanzibar.

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INWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: C.R.O.

TO: ZANZIBAR No.191

D: 2315 hours 18th March, 1964
R: 0830 hours 19th March, 1964

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PRIORITY

Your telegram No.199 (351)

MANGA ARABS

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has been approached. He considers that the movement of these people was a matter for Zanzibar Government and any other Government which might be interested and that he was not able to intervene. However the door is not quite closed as High Commissioner said that if H.M.G. thought after further consideration there was anything he could legitimately do he would be prepared to consider it. But all he can do is to use his good offices with the Sultan as in previous case.

2. Regarding Muscat telegram No.19, copy of which I have sent to you, please note particularly para 2(A)

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PR/DD

18th March, 1964.

Dear Crosthwait,

(21) Miss Whittington has shown me a copy of your letter ZAN.75/18/9 of the 11th March, 1964. It was very good of you to write to us after your talk with Janet Adams about Red Cross affairs. We are most grateful to you for all the help which you are giving our team in Zanzibar and for your efforts to persuade the Government to make alternative arrangements for doing some of the work which the team is now doing.

I know that Mr. Georg Hoffman has reported to the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva about the problem of evacuation of the detainees to Muscat and Oman. I know too that the International Committee has been in touch with the High Commissioner for Refugees on this subject and also with the British Government Representative to the United Nations in Geneva. Our thinking on the subject is very much the same as yours; ~~but~~ we are doing what we can, with the C.R.O. and the Foreign Office, as well as with our contacts in Geneva, to urge that if possible satisfactory arrangements for the evacuation of these detainees should be completed as a matter of urgency. Thank you for letting us see the copy of your telegram to the C.R.O. No.190 of the 11th March, 1964.

When we saw you in London you said that it was your intention to recommend Janet Adams for an M.B.E. for her work in Zanzibar since the 12th January, and we told you how very pleased we should be if you did this. I thought it would be proper for me to quote from a letter which we have just received from the Executive Director of the International Committee of the Red Cross, in case you would like to use it to support your recommendation. The

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Executive Director states:

"The ICRC has the pleasure to inform the British Red Cross Society that Mr. Hoffmann was extremely impressed by the work of Mrs. Adams and her team in Zanzibar.

The activity of the devoted nurses and Red Cross helpers on behalf of the victims of the Zanzibar revolution performed under very difficult and dangerous circumstances, represents one of the most striking accomplishments of a National Red Cross Society in time of conflicts our delegate has seen in twenty years of service. The International Committee of the Red Cross wants to join its delegate in expressing on this occasion its sincere congratulations to the British Red Cross team."

We shall write to you further when we have made more decisions about our team in Zanzibar and their gradual withdrawal, but we are most grateful to you for the advice which you give in your third paragraph.

Yours Sincerely,

Patrick Lemoine.

Vice-Chairman.

T. L. Crosthwait, Esq., M.B.E.,
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ZANZIBAR.

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INWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: C.R.O.

TO: ZANZIBAR No.190

D: 1725 hours 18th March 1964
R: 0800 hours 19th March 1964

CYPHER
PRIORITY

Following is text of Muscat telegram No.19 dated 16th February to Foreign Office.

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My telegram No.18.

ZANZIBAR REFUGEES

Red Cross telegram has arrived but states that persons are women and children.

2. Chauncy has referred to the Sultan who has reacted as expected stating:

(A) that he should have been consulted.

(B) that he accepts responsibility for his own subjects, i.e. Omanis born in Oman bearing Omani passports or being otherwise readily identifiable and

(B) that he accepts no responsibility for subjects of the Sultan of Zanzibar and that country relationships of substance ceased in 1860. "Zanzibar Subjects" and any other are to be refused permission to land.

3. Since there may be number of "Zanzibar Subjects" on board I should be grateful for guidance urgently as to the present status of such people and what representations if any I should make to the Muscat Government on their behalf.

4. I should also be grateful to know the position of any British protected persons in such circumstances when in Muscat territorial waters.

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OUTWARD TELEGRAM

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FROM: ZANZIBAR

TO: C.R.O. No.199

D: 1745 hours 17th March 1964

CYPHER
PRIORITY

Your telegram No.187, paragraph 2.

Manga Arabs

Please repeat to me Muscat telegram No.19.

2. I note International Red Cross disclaim responsibility. Has U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees been approached? If so, with what result?

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Your telegram No. 187, paragraph 2.

MANGA ARABS

Please repeat to me Muscat telegram No. 19.

2. I note International Red Cross disclaim responsibility. Has U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees been approached? If so, what result?

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INWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: C.R.O.

TO: ZANZIBAR No.187

D: 2300 hours 15th March 1964
R: 0800 hours 16th March 1964

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Following is text of Muscat telegram addressed Foreign Office No.27 of March 15th repeated for information to C.R.O., Consul General Geneva, POMEC Aden, Zanzibar No.1.

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Zanzibar telegrams Nos.190 (31) and 193 (33) of March 11th and 13th to C.R.O.

1. Muscat Government has had no, repeat no, communication from Zanzibar Government. Travel agent statement is not true.

2. (35) The Sultan's position remains as in para 2 of my telegram No.19 of February 16th.

3. Civil airport cannot take larger than Heron. Oil Company have strip 20 miles west of Muscat which could probably take DC.4 but this would require clearance with Muscat Government in the first instance.

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INWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: C.R.O.

TO: ZANZIBAR No.185

D: 1815 hours 15th March 1964
R: 0800 hours 16th March 1964

CYPHER
ROUTINE

Following is text of Geneva telegram addressed Foreign Office No.13 of March 14th repeated for information C.R.O., Muscat, POMEC Aden and Zanzibar unnumbered.

Begins

Your telegram No.22 of March 12th.

Have discussed position of Manga Arabs fully with International Red Cross officials including Hoffman. They are already well informed and consider responsibility for proposed transport outside their province. They have no funds for such a purpose.

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CUTWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: ZANZIBAR

TO: C.R.O. No.193

RPTD: MUSCAT No.M118
CONSUL GENERAL GENEVA No.M119
POMEC ADEN No.M120 (Priority)

D: 1450 hours 13th March 1964

CYPHER
IMMEDIATE

(31)

My telegram No.190 to C.R.O.

MANGA ARABS

I now learn from Red Cross that Zanzibar Government is planning to ship these people to Muscat in dhows beginning March 16th. Charter of DC4 aircraft reported also under consideration but likely to be rejected unless Red Cross meet difference in cost between airfare (£50) and cost of sea transportation of previous batch (£26).

2. If these people are not acceptable in Muscat it may be desirable that Sultan should make his position clear by telegram direct to Zanzibar Government immediately without referring to source of his information. Further immediate intervention by International Red Cross seems desirable on humanitarian grounds either to provide finance for airlift or to investigate conditions on dhows are of acceptable standard.

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My telegram No. 190 to C.R.O.

MANGA ARABS

I now learn from Red Cross that Zanzibar Government is planning to ship these people to Muscat in dhows beginning March 16th. ~~Alternative~~ proposal that Charter of DC4 aircraft ~~should be chartered at cost of £50 per head is~~ also reported under consideration but likely to be rejected unless Red Cross meet difference in cost between airfare (£50) and £ cost of sea transportation of previous batch (£26).

2. If these people are not acceptable in Muscat ~~I suggest~~ it may be desirable that ~~Sir~~ Sultan should make his position clear to Zanzibar Government immediately. ~~In any event~~ /~~immediate~~ without reporting to Source of this information.

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~~immediate~~ further immediate intervention by International Red Cross seems desirable on humanitarian grounds either to provide finance for airlift or to investigate ~~whether~~ conditions ~~under which deportees will travel~~ on dhows are of acceptable standard.

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OUTWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: ZANZIBAR

TO: C.R.O. No.190

RPTD: MUSCAT No.M115
POMEC ADEN No.M116
CONSUL GENERAL GENEVA No.M117

D: 1745 hours 11th March 1964

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ROUTINE

My telegram No.177 (not to Muscat).

MANGA ARABS

Zanzibar Government have processed for repatriation to Muscat 1,000 Manga Arabs (450 men, 100 women, 450 children). I understand majority were born in Muscat, remainder in Zanzibar (though many of former are probably naturalised Zanzibaris).

2. Local travel agent states that although Zanzibar Government has obtained permission for party to land in Muscat (grateful for confirmation from Muscat) necessary shipping is unobtainable.

3. These people are clearly not H.M.G's responsibility. In view however of British Red Cross involvement in management of camps here and desirability on humanitarian grounds of getting Arabs away, on assumption that Muscat is in fact prepared to accept them, can you urge International Red Cross to accept responsibility for transportation? In view approach rainy season most desirable that they should be moved as soon as possible.

4. Please inform Red Cross.

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Mr. Le Breton
Mr. McBrinn

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Minister of State
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My telegram No. 177 (not to Muscat).

MANGA ARABS

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~~International Red Cross~~

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ZAN.75/18/9 11th March, 1964

Dear Miss Whittington,

I had a long talk with Janet Adams yesterday about Red Cross affairs here. I have also separately telegraphed to the Commonwealth Relations Office (the telegram of which I enclose a copy) about the Manga Arabs. It is clear from what Janet says that if these people are not moved out of Zanzibar by the end of March the problem of maintaining a reasonable standard in the camps will be immeasurably increased. Janet seemed to think that there was a chance of their being sent away within the next fortnight, but one of my staff has just seen the agent who has been given the job of finding a ship and it is clear to me that short of a miracle they will still be here for a good time yet. I therefore urged Janet to continue to press the Zanzibar authorities to take over as many as possible of the services which she, and the other staff you have sent out from London, provide. It seems to me that a great deal of the work, e.g. in connection with buying and cooking of food quite clearly ought to be provided by the Zanzibaris and is well within their capabilities. I shall certainly so inform the Minister when I see him - I hope within the next two or three days.

2. From my knowledge of Zanzibar I would think it extremely unlikely that the Zanzibar Government will be successful in its somewhat half-hearted efforts to find transport for these unfortunate people. I just missed the International Red Cross man and did not see his report, but my own feeling is

/that .....

Miss Whittington,
British Red Cross Society, 14 Grosvenor Crescent,
LONDON, S.W.1

that the best way of clearing these camps is for the International Red Cross to take a hand. I am sure it would be most useful if you could use your influence with them.

3. It is not entirely clear to me how you stand about your staff here though I gather from Janet that some at least may have to be withdrawn. My own feeling is that you probably will not bring home to the Zanzibaris that they must discharge their responsibilities to the internees until your people actually leave and if it is necessary to withdraw them, the sooner the Zanzibar Government are asked to make alternative arrangements for doing their work, the better.

4. As for Janet Adams herself, I thought she was looking much less tired than when I went away. I understand that Mrs. Britten's appointment has been a great relief to her. I pressed Janet to take a few days leave in Nairobi. Might I be so bold as to suggest that you should instruct her to do this if it is your intention to leave her here much longer? I should have thought that she could properly get away before Mrs. Britten actually leaves Zanzibar.

5. I was very glad to have the opportunity of meeting you all at your Headquarters in London. Please let me know if I can be of help to you or to your staff here in any way.

6. I am copying this to Miss Dickinson in the C.R.O.

With all good wishes,
Yours sincerely,

(T.L. Crosthwait)

NOTES BY P.O.

Transportation of approx 1,000 Arabs to Muscat & Oman.

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1/ Numbers: Males - 450
Females - 94
Children under 12 - 347
Infants under 2 - 102
Total 993

2/ Persons to travel on joint passports issued by Zanzibar Immigration.

3/ Each person will hold valid Health certificate.

4/ ~~Most~~ Majority born in Muscat. Remainder Zanzibar.

5/ Zanzibar authorities have clearance from Muscat that persons will be allowed to land ????

6/ Agents have tried shipping firms in
a Aden
b Mogadishu
c Salisbury
d Paris
e. London (Harris & Dixon. Lambert Bros.)
but to no avail.

7/ Agents hope that British Agent may
/be

be able to arrange for cargo or passenger slip. at present :- Mombasa or Dar-es-Salaam to be placed at Zanzibar authorities imposed for transporting above mentioned persons.

8/ Zanzibar Agents would pay all costs & our anxious to get these Arabs away from Zanzibar as soon as possible.

9. Akbar Rashid Natar . " Takim's Travel Services"

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Mr. Crosthwait.

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These are the papers on the Manga Arabs which you wanted to take back with you.

Would you also like to take the attached record of the meeting between the Duke of Devonshire and Professor Franck?

E.h.Dickinson
26.2.64.

Returned on Manga Arabs
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Miss Dickens 27

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FROM MUSCAT TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Cypher/OTP
M[redacted] Duncan
No. 23
February 22, 1964

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 23 of February 22
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POMEC (Aden)
U. K. Mission Geneva
The Hague
U. K. Mission New York
Consulate-General Geneva
Aden (Acting High Commissioner)

My immediately preceding telegram: Zanzibar Refugees.

All have been accepted and landed and the ship has been given departure clearance.

Foreign Office pass POMEC (Aden) 6, U. K. Mission Geneva 2, Consulate-General Geneva 2, U. K. Mission New York 2, The Hague 2, Acting High Commissioner Aden 2.

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Private Secretary
Sir G. Harrison
Head of Arabian Department.
Head of Consular Department.
Head of News Department.
Resident Clerk.

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U.K.Mission Geneva
The Hague
Consul General Geneva
U.K.Mission New York
Aden (Acting High Commissioner)

Your telegram No. 36 of February 20: Zanzibar Refugees.

Ship arrived this morning.

2. About a third of the party have valid Omani passports and present no problem. Preliminary investigation of the remainder has established that, with two exceptions, the remainder are likely to be accepted as Omanis within the Sultan's definition.

3. The two exceptions are, perhaps, Tanganyikan citizens, but they have connexions here.

4. Investigation is proceeding but I think there is good prospect of all being accepted and allowed to land.

Foreign Office pass POMEC (Aden) 5, U.K.Mission Geneva 1, The Hague 1, Consul General Geneva 1, U.K.Mission New York 1, Aden (Acting High Commissioner) 1.

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Private Secretary	Head of Arabian Department
Sir H. Caccia	Head of Permanent Under Secretary's Department
Sir G. Harrison	Head of News Department
Head of W.C.A.D.	Resident Clerk

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Miss Dickens

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FROM GENEVA TO FOREIGN OFFICE

(United Kingdom Mission)

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Mr. Scott.

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February 21, 1964.

D. 4.00 p.m. February 21, 1964
R. 4.10 p.m. February 21, 1964

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No.66 of February 21
And to Muscat.
Repeated for information to:- Bahrain POMEC (Aden)
The Hague Aden (AHC)
U.K.Mission New York
Consul General Geneva

Foreign Office telegram No.36 to Muscat, paragraph 3:

Deportees from Zanzibar.

c. U.N. Hc. for refugees

Following is text of High Commissioner's telegram to Sultan of Muscat and Oman.

Begins:

His Highness the Sultan of Muscat,

HCR 341. I have the honour to inform your Highness that my office has received disquieting information concerning plight of 140 Arab refugees from Zanzibar on board Netherlands vessel Jan van Riebeeck which is bound for or has arrived at Muscat. We are aware that matter of their disembarkation has already been raised with Your Highness. In name of humanitarian tasks entrusted to my office I appeal to Your Highness's traditional generosity to grant asylum in Muscat to this unfortunate group of persons. Highest consideration.

Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan.

United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees.

Ends.

Foreign Office please pass Muscat No.1, Bahrain No.1, POMEC (Aden) No.1, The Hague No.1, Aden (AHC) No.1 and U.K. Mission New York No.6.

[Repeated as requested to Foreign Service Posts. Copy passed to Telegraph Section CRO for repetition to (AHC) Aden]

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February 20, 1964

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POMEC (Aden)
U.K. Mission Geneva
Geneva Consul General
and Saving to: The Hague No. 174
Aden (Acting High Commissioner)
UKMis New York No. 384

My telegrams Nos. (12A) 26 and (16) 30 [of February 17 and 18] (not to all).

Deportees from Zanzibar.

The International Committee of the Red Cross have asked the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to use his good offices in Muscat on behalf of the deportees in the Van Riebeeck other than Omanis. They fear that these, if refused permission to land in Muscat, would face uncertain fate or danger if returned to Zanzibar.

2. We understand that if the Sultan agreed to allow non-Omani deportees to land at the High Commissioner's request, the latter would consider himself responsible for emergency relief. He would seek to arrange that it would be conducted by the International Committee of the Red Cross rather than financed by his own emergency funds. We do not know what he might propose for the ultimate disposal of non-Omanis, which would presumably depend partly on their individual origins.

3. The High Commissioner has today asked about Her Majesty's Government's view if he were to approach the Sultan direct. We have said that that would be the right channel and that we have no cause to object.

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4. We believe that the ship will arrive at Salalah on February 21. Please therefore inform Political Resident urgently. Our view is that the United Nations High Commissioner's rôle is distinct enough from that of the United Nations in its political capacity to enable the Sultan (if he wishes) to co-operate as suggested without concern about the implications for other United Nations initiatives. The decision is of course for the Sultan.

5. You will no doubt be aware that we no longer have representation in Zanzibar.

6. Bahrain please repeat R.A.F. Salalah for Political Resident and Duncan.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

February 18, 1964.

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We spoke briefly yesterday, and Powell had previously spoken with Miss Dickinson, about the Zanzibari regime's deportation of Arab residents in Zanzibar, particularly "Omanis" and persons who may have originated in the Aden Protectorates (Zanzibar telegram No. 120 to the C.R.O. and connected correspondence). You will since have seen Foreign Office telegram No. 26 to Muscat.

2. We know of course that so long as Britain does not recognise the Zanzibari regime, the High Commissioner's power to influence their actions must be extremely limited. We realise too that it will remain fairly limited even after recognition, given the nature of that regime. And in the particular case of Omani Arabs (using that description to mean Arabs whose tribal or other origins were within the territories of Muscat and Oman) the High Commissioner would not of course have formal standing to act. If they were Zanzibaris before independence, they are no longer British protected persons: if they are recognised in Muscat as having Omani nationality they are subjects of an independent sovereign State for which we only act when the Sultan specifically requests us to act and we agree to do so: and if they have in effect been made stateless they have no national representative clearly entitled to speak for them.

3. Nevertheless, we hope that when the question of recognition is settled and the High Commissioner is able to tackle the authorities in Zanzibar he will seek to discourage them from these arbitrary deportations. Since the Foreign Office telegram to Muscat under reference was despatched we have had further consultations with the Home Office about the rights and wrongs of deportation in general. We can fairly say to the Zanzibaris that it is contrary to international practice, practice with which Britain conforms, to deport any person except to the country of which he is a national or to some other country where he is known to be acceptable. Some of these Arabs have clearly been resident in Zanzibar for several generations and it is at least questionable whether they can be regarded as "nationals" of the countries or territories from which their forebears may have come. More generally, it is clear that these deportations have been effected without any prior effort being made to find out whether those deported would be acceptable in the countries to which they are being sent.

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J.K. Hickman, Esq.,
Commonwealth Relations Office.

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4. It seems clear also that some at least of these Arabs will have been reduced to effective statelessness by the Zanzibari regime's unwillingness either to allow them to remain in Zanzibar, or, it appears, to retain Zanzibari status. To produce this situation and to add to the total of the world's refugees by expelling communities as such because of their race violates the recent U.N. Declaration on Racial Discrimination, and the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, which rules out racial discrimination (especially Article 2), arbitrary arrest and exile (Article 9) and deprivation of nationality (Article 15(2)).

(D.J. McCarthy)

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OUTWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: ZANZIBAR

TO: C.R.C. No.177

RPTD: POMEC ADEN No.M111
GENEVA (FOR INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS) U/N

D: 1800 hours 18th February 1964

CYPHER
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My telegram No.120 (not to Geneva).

MANGA ARABS

According to British Red Cross workers in refugee/ internment camps condition of inmates is beginning to deteriorate owing over-crowding etc. Regime apparently consider there is no future here for about 1,400 of these people whom they desire to send to Oman, Muscat or Hadhramaut. Approximate categories and numbers understood to be as follows:-

(a) 400 screened and awaiting transport. Understand these have close tribal connections with Arabian Peninsula.

(b) About 600 who want to go but probably have less close connection.

(c) About 400 with little or no present connection.

2. National status obscure. Understand majority almost certainly Zanzibar nationals either by birth or by naturalisation.

3. Regime understood to be making half-hearted efforts to charter ship for transport to Oman, etc. Minister concerned apparently seeking to shift responsibility to outside body. Investigation of position should be first task of International Red Cross representative whom it would be desirable to brief before departure from Geneva.

4. Grateful for comments from POMEC (see also letter ZAN.75/18/9 of 7th February to Bushell).

5. C.R.C. and Geneva please pass to Red Cross.

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Mr. Eccles
Mr. McBrinn

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(a) 400 ~~already~~ screened and awaiting transport. Understand these have close tribal connections ~~in~~ with Arabian Peninsula, ~~and~~ therefore relatively easily absorbed.

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(b) About 600 who want to go but probably have less close connection

(c) About 400 with little or no present connection.

2. National status obscure. Understand ~~great~~ majority almost certainly Zanzibar ~~subjects~~ nationals either by birth or by naturalisation.

3. Regime ~~are apparently~~ understood to be making half-hearted efforts to charter ship for transport to Oman etc. Minister concerned ~~is naturally only too willing~~ apparently seeking to shift responsibility to outside body. Investigation of position ~~will~~ should ~~no doubt~~ be first task of International Red Cross representative whom it would be desirable to brief before departure from Geneva.

4. Grateful for comments from POMEC (see also letter ZAN.75/18/9 of 7th February to Bushell).

5. C.R.O. to arrange please pass Lord to Red Cross.

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO MUSCAT

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Cypher/OTP and By Bag

No. 30
February 18, 1964

D. 9.39 p.m. February 18, 1964

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Addressed to Muscat telegram No. 30 of February 18.
Repeated for information to: Bahrain
POMEC (Aden)
and Saving to: Zanzibar
Aden (Acting High Commissioner)
The Hague No. 167
Consul-General Geneva No. 2

My telegram No. 26 [of February 17]: Deportees from Zanzibar.

Paragraph 1. Following further consideration please amend second clause of second sentence to read:

> "... contrary to the international practice which is not to deport any person except to the country of which he is a national or to some other country where he is known to be acceptable."

2. Paragraph 4, penultimate sentence:

> "Citizen of United Kingdom and Colonies" should read "citizen of Zanzibar".

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INWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: C.R.O.

TO: ZANZIBAR No.157

D: 1850 hours 18th February 1964
R: 0800 hours 19th February 1964

CYPHER
ROUTINE

Following is text of Foreign Office telegram addressed to Muscat No.26 of 17th February repeated for information Bahrain, Zanzibar, Acting High Commissioner, Aden, and POMEC (Aden) and Saving to The Hague, Consul General, Geneva.

Begins

Your telegram No.19. Circumstances of deportation are still obscure. Relevant correspondence is being copied to you by bag. Meanwhile it is clear that these deportations are the arbitrary action of the Zanzibar regime, contrary to the international practice that Government of destination should give prior agreement to accept those deported. Our capacity for representations to Zanzibar authorities is extremely limited since we have not recognised the new regime.

2. The British Red Cross have done their best to alleviate the conditions in detention camps but are not, repeat not, in any way responsible for detainees, deportees or their despatch, and have no power to prevent any further deportations. They hope that a delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross will arrive in Zanzibar on 19th February or 20th and hope that the International Committee will thereafter take over any correspondence with Muscat in matters within Red Cross competence.

3. Your 2(B) and 2(C). There has been heavy destruction at the homes of members of the Arab community and the High Commissioner thinks that documents will have been destroyed in most cases. Therefore many deportees may lack documents but may claim Omani status by invoking tribal relationships or other evidence.

4. Your para 3. A person who, before the Independence of Zanzibar, could be regarded as a "Zanzibari subject" then had British protected status. With effect from Independence that ceased to apply and Zanzibaris generally became British subjects, citizens of the U.K. and Colonies. If, since Independence, a person has been deprived of Zanzibari citizenship or been held not (not) to have qualified for it he does not, repeat not, now enjoy the status either of British subject or of British protected person so far as either of these things depends on connection with Zanzibar.

5. If he had British protected status by reason of origin in other British protected territories (e.g. the Aden Protectorate) he might still retain it but this would require case by case examination. Any question of repatriation, except in the cases of Bahrain and Qatar, would normally require consultation with the authorities in the territory in question in accordance with Chapter XIV, para 74, of Foreign Service Instructions. Further, the territory concerned should have been asked before deportation whether it would accept the person concerned, which

/has

has clearly not been done.

6. In these circumstances you should not without prior reference to us or to British territory concerned urge the Sultan to allow British protected persons to disembark in Muscat territory. The onus for disposing of them should remain with the Dutch ship which should have satisfied itself about freedom to disembark when accepting the deportees as passengers.

7. Your para 4. The position of any British protected person is the same when in Muscat territorial waters as when ashore in Muscat. Extra-territorial jurisdiction does not of course cover British protected persons from the Aden Protectorate, the protected Gulf States, or, formerly, Zanzibar, and it seems unlikely that other British protected persons could be involved.

8. We are asking the C.R.O. to take action as soon as feasible to discourage Zanzibari authorities from arbitrary deportations without prior consultation with territory of intended destination.

9. This telegram has been repeated to Acting High Commissioner, Aden, who will no doubt have seen High Commissioner, Zanzibar's letter ZAN.75/18/9 of February 7th to Bushell and Zanzibar telegram No.120 to C.R.O. repeated POMEC Aden. He may wish to comment in respect of any Aden citizens or protected persons from the protectorate who may be involved.

Ends

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COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE,
DOWNING STREET, S.W.1.

2-EA 56/705/8

17th February, 1964

Dear Mr. McBrinn,

Omani citizens

I enclose a copy of a letter from our Consulate General in Muscat to the Foreign Office reporting some enquiries by the Sultan about the fate of Omani citizens in Zanzibar.

We have, of course, received full accounts of the situation of the Omani community in general (your telegram No.104 and the High Commissioner's letter to P.O.M.E.C., Aden, of 7th February) which have been passed to the Foreign Office and which will enable them to answer the second part of the Sultan's enquiry. I am forwarding the letter, however, on the chance that you may know something about the four individuals named; whether, for instance, they were included in the first party to leave Zanzibar (reported in your telegram No.120).

The Foreign Office are, of course, aware of your difficulties in taking up cases of this kind and have instructed their Consul General in Muscat that although the request has been passed on to you, the Sultan would be best advised to address his enquiries direct to the President of Zanzibar. I will let you know if anything comes of this.

Yours sincerely,

E. L. Dickinson

(E.L. Dickinson) (Miss)
East Africa Political Dept.

H. McBrinn, Esq.,
Zanzibar.

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Mr. McBrinn

You will be able to deal with these pp on return or after enquiries.

2. The Sultan of Oman seems to be inclined to take people back? Get estimates from Cameron Cod.

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BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL,
MUSCAT.

February 10, 1964.

Dear McCarthy,

The Sultan has asked me if it would be possible for H.M.G. to afford him their good offices in making such discreet enquiries as may be possible in Zanzibar about the welfare of the following persons:

KHAOWLAH BINT ALI BIN SALIM,
Wife of Sayid Nadir.

WALIM BINT ALI BIN SALIM and children
Mother of Saif bin Hamood.

MAHFOODHAH BINT ALI BIN SALIM.

MIRAH BINT MAHOMMED BIN ALI BIN SALIM and children.

Postal Address:

P.O. Box 812,
KOKONI ZANZIBAR.

They are all relatives of his family.

2. The Sultan really wants to know if they are all right, or, if not, if anything can be done to help them and if they would be able to return to Muscat if they so wished.

3. He would also be grateful for any information we may have about the fate of Omanis generally and particularly whether they are free to return to Oman if they wish.

4. There have been a number of disquieting reports here about their fate but it is difficult to be sure of the truth since a censorship is apparently operating.

5. I am copying this letter to Francis Brown in the Residency.

Yours ever,
J.S.R. Duncan.

(J.S.R. Duncan)

D.J. McCarthy, Esq.,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

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W. McBrima Esq.,
Zanzibar.

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COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE,
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.1.

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With the Compliments

of

Miss E. L. Dickinson

East African Political

Dept.

18th February 1964.

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 18 of February 15,
Repeated for information to : Bahrain

Your telegram No. 24. Zanzibar Refugees.

Telegram to External Affairs Department has not arrived and it is very desirable that it should do so soon. The matter is, as you have advised, for direct arrangement between the Red Cross and Muscat Government.

2. Likely reaction of the Sultan will be to make heavy weather of this and to permit the landing of genuine Omanis only. This may well cause embarrassing complications with ship and the Red Cross. In my view further batch of 500 should not be despatched until clear understanding has been come to by the Red Cross with the Muscat Government.

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No. 50
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In letter ZAN 75/18/9 of February 7 copied to Lamarque, C.R.O., the High Commissioner Zanzibar invites my comments on expulsion of Arabs from Zanzibar to South Arabia, particularly the Oman. I suggest you should arrange for this letter to be copied to Muscat, where Duncan is best placed to comment. In so far as the Hadhrami Arabs are concerned, I will invite comments from the High Commissioner here.

2. Please ask C.R.O. to explain to Crosthwaite what is being done.

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO MUSCAT

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D. 4.34 p.m. February 13, 1964

Addressed to Muscat telegram No. 24 of February 13,
Repeated for information Saving to:

Bahrain No. 38

You should know that the Red Cross have informed us that 140 Manga Arabs, believed to have tribal connections with Muscat, are due to arrive in Muscat from Zanzibar on February 18 in m.v. van Riebeeck.

2. We have advised Red Cross to telegraph Department of External Affairs.

3. From Red Cross account it seems that these people will arrive completely destitute. Also it is expected that 500 more will be "despatched" shortly.

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British High Commission,
KAMPALA.

14th February 1964.

Would you please refer to your letter of 30th January about Hadhramauti subjects in East Africa.

2. The Immigration people here reckon there are some two hundred Hadhramauti subjects in Uganda; our own Passport Officer has serviced some thirty to forty Hadhramauti passports since Independence. They are mostly traders of one kind or another (some come to police notice for smuggling). Like the Asian community, they are good businessmen and this tends to arouse African jealousy. But unlike the Asians they mix well with Africans (they are scattered over all Uganda and do not live as an island community), like to marry African moslem girls, and have no difficulty about accepting African customs. Hadhramauti subjects would not therefore, like the Asians, be an instinctive target for African resentment during civil disturbances. In any case the Quaiti and Kathiri Sultans ought to be told that everything here is calm and that there is no danger to private life and property.

3. I am sending a copy of this letter to Colin Imray in Nairobi, Macrae in Dar es Salaam, and Harry McBrinn Zanzibar.

(M. KEITH)

Mrs. M. E. Chitty,
East Africa Department,
C.R.O.,
LONDON.

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H. McBrinn,
Zanzibar.

With the Compliments

of

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Kampala

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OUTWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: ZANZIBAR

TO: C.R.O. No.155

D: 1700 hours 11th February 1964

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Your telegram No.103. (16)

RED CROSS

Zanzibar Government have approved entry of Swiss delegate of International Red Cross to assist Zanzibar Red Cross. Please urge earliest arrival.

2. Following are answers to questions:-

(a) Yes:

(b) Yes:

(c) Personnel available: one British Red Cross field officer attached Zanzibar Red Cross and three volunteers from Britain. Zanzibar volunteers also assisting. Local purchase of supplies possible provided funds are available.

(d) No visa required. Red Cross will obtain entry permit when estimated time of arrival of delegate is known.

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Mr. Eccles
Mr. McBrinn

Ref X Omani or Muscat + Hatumi

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600 - the country ~~has not~~, and 130 ~~has~~ but probably not violation of mind State

~~No~~ connection either no connection or authority or willing

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(18) Your telegram No. 103

Red Cross

Zanzibar Government ~~unlikely to make formal request for visit by International Red Cross but have~~ of International Red Cross approved entry of Swiss delegates to assist Zanzibar Red Cross.

2. Following are answers to ~~the points raised are~~ questions :-

(a) Yes : (b) Yes : (c) Personnel available

~~Suggest to~~ Hope I can ~~him~~ urge ~~him~~ earliest arrival

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available one British Red Cross field officer attached Zanzibar Red Cross & three volunteers from Britain ~~on temporary assignment~~ Zanzibar volunteers also assisting. ~~Dep~~. Local purchase of supplies possible. (a) no visa required. Red Cross must obtain ~~Indian~~ entry permits ~~must be obtained from Ministry External Affairs. This can be arranged. Red Cross then will arrange this~~ when etc. of delegate is ~~expected~~ known

provided funds are available

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Not likely to get formal request, welcome

The following cable was sent to Geneva on 11th February, 1964:-

APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF ZANZIBAR GRANTED FOR ENTRY OF SWISS DELEGATES TO ASSIST THE ZANZIBAR RED CROSS STOP

to work for refugees + detainees

B.R.C.S. PERSONNEL ONE FIELD OFFICER ATTACHED ZANZIBAR RED CROSS THREE UK VOLUNTEERS ON TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT ZANZIBAR VOLUNTEERS ALSO ASSISTING STOP LOCAL PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES POSSIBLE

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ZAN.75/18/9 7th February, 1964

Manga Arabs

You will have had by now a copy of my telegram No. M.79 to POMEC informing you that 140 of these unfortunate people are on their way to Oman in the Dutch ship VAN RIEBEECK.

2. According to the Census Report of 1958 nearly 4,000 people in the Zanzibar Protectorate were born in Muscat and Oman and about 1,000 in the Hadramaut. The census was taken in the middle of March so these figures probably included several hundred belonging to the crews of the dhows. In addition, I think it probable that many of those who declared themselves as having been born in Arabia were in fact born in Zanzibar. These Arabs were mainly petty shopkeepers and small landowners living out in the countryside to the North and East of Zanzibar. Although they are people of small physique and look mild enough, I am told that in a number of previous disturbances in Zanzibar they have shown themselves particularly aggressive and hostile to the Africans. They were of course strong supporters of the previous regime.

3. In the later phases of the revolution four weeks ago this community became the particular target of the African mobs and my estimate is that in the country areas probably 95% of the houses of the community have been destroyed. To what extent their African neighbours were responsible will never be known, but I suppose that the opportunity was taken to work off old scores and to wipe off old debts.

4. What has happened to the people themselves is not entirely clear. About 1,800 are in refugee/internee camps in Zanzibar. Some, but I cannot say how many, may be living with friends and relations in the town. But I think it is certain that casualties in the countryside must have been very heavy indeed and that a considerable proportion of these Arabs must have been murdered.

/5.

J.C. Bushell, Esq.,
Political Officer,
Middle East Command,
ADEN

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5. The intention of the new Zanzibar regime is apparently to ship a high proportion of those in the camps back to Arabia, no doubt without much regard to the fact whether they are Zanzibar citizens or not. Owing to the difficulty of my position here I have not been able to investigate whether any of these people are British Protected Persons; some of them almost certainly are, but as I have as yet received no application from or on behalf of any of these people, I think the number may not be very large. Documents will of course have been destroyed in most cases.

6. Although no doubt the great majority of the people who are being shipped back have been in Zanzibar for one or more generations, I am told that there is still a fairly strong connection between Arab families in Zanzibar and in Oman, especially with regard to family loyalties, and that this connection is still so close that any member of one of the tribes concerned (I believe they are the Harthi, Kharusi and Ruweihi) could return to Oman and would be accepted there by the rest of the tribe. From a paper which I have been able to get from one of the British officials here it seems that it is extremely probable that most of them would have a right to some portion of land or property and for this reason would look upon Oman as home.

7. I am afraid the Omani authorities will scarcely welcome the arrival of several hundred people, most of them destitute and with little more than the clothes they stand up in. I have not been able to find out whether the Zanzibar regime has notified or obtained the prior approval of the Omani authorities to what they are doing; I rather suspect not.

8. If Britain recognises the new regime I will be able to find out much more about the regime's intentions towards those that remain. I would be grateful for, and interested to have, your comments.

9. I am sending a copy of this letter to Lamarque at the Commonwealth Relations Office.

(T.L. Crosthwait)

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PRESS CUTTING FROM "EAST AFRICAN STANDARD"

dated 6th February, 1964.

Brutality alleged by Arab refugees

E.A. Standard 6/2/64

Standard Staff Reporter **Mombasa.**

ARAB refugees from Zanzibar who arrived in Mombasa yesterday made allegations of murder, rape and brutal assaults carried out by "freedom fighters" on the island. About 175 refugees arrived at Kilindini on board the Dutch ship Van Riebeeck. Most of them were penniless and many were without proper clothing.

The majority had been in detention since the revolution on January 12. They were taken on board the Van Riebeek on Tuesday.

It is understood their fares were paid by the Zanzibar Government. They were uncertain of their future but some hope to find a home in Arab States in the Persian Gulf.

One of the refugees was Mrs. Fatima Sleyum, aged 22, who arrived with her daughter Shariffa, aged seven, and her husband, Sleyum Salim, who was an overseer at the Sultan's palace at Kibweni, about six miles from town.

Mrs. Sleyum said Shariffa had narrowly escaped death early during the revolution. A "freedom fighter", a Makonde tribesman from Tanganyika, was about to murder the child when a neighbour, a member of the Afro-Shirazi party, intervened.

Her daughter had subsequently been beaten and slapped and she woke in the middle of the night screaming with nightmares as a result.

An attempt had also been made to kill her husband when he was shot at with an arrow. The marksman's aim was poor, however, and the arrow grazed his chest.

In a detention camp at Raha Leo, to which the family was taken, she saw young girls, not yet in their teens, being raped, she said.

One of her fellow passengers on the Van Riebeeck, a middle aged man who she only knew as Mohamed, said he had seen a pregnant Arab woman murdered, together with her two young children, and viciously mutilated.

The three were taken initially to the revolutionary headquarters at Raha Leo where they were detained for eight days. There was no food for about five days and numbers of children died as a result, she alleged.

The detainees were then transferred to various schools. She was imprisoned in a primary school together with about 700 other people. Each day, she claimed, brought about four or five more deaths.

The Van Riebeeck is scheduled to sail from Mombasa on Saturday and it is understood the refugees will leave the ship at Muscat.

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OUTWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: ZANZIBAR

TO: C.R.O. No.115

D: 1910 hours 5th February 1964

CYPHER
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My telegram No.104, para (a).

CASUALTIES

Following drive round island and further information, my view now is that not less than 1,000 and possibly considerably more were murdered.

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My telegram No. 104. Para (a)

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FROM: COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE

TO: ZANZIBAR No. 103

D: 2142 hours 5th February, 1964
R: 0800 hours 6th February, 1964

CYPHER
IMMEDIATE

Your telegram No. 122.

We have been in touch with British Red Cross who inform us that International Red Cross wish to have prior formal request from Zanzibar Government. International Red Cross also wish to know:-

(a) Would authorities welcome visit?

(b) Would delegate be authorised to visit detainees?

(c) If delegate considers that relief is required by the detainees and/or the civilian population, would British Red Cross and Zanzibar Red Cross be in a position to furnish supplies and personnel for their despatch and distribution?

(d) Will Swiss representative of International Red Cross need visa, and if so can British Consul in Geneva issue it?

2. Can you suggest how present Zanzibar government could be stimulated into inviting a delegate of International Red Cross to visit them without prejudicing your position or that of British Red Cross workers now in Zanzibar?

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FROM: ZANZIBAR

TO: COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE No. 122

D: 1745 hours 4th February, 1964

CYPHER
IMMEDIATE

My telegram No. 104, paragraph 3.

British Red Cross workers much perturbed at delay in despatch of International Red Cross representative who is badly needed. Grateful know reason delay.

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FROM: ZANZIBAR

TO: C.R.O. No. 121

D: 1915 hours 4th February, 1964

CYPHER
ROUTINE

Following for Whittington, British Red Cross, London from Phillips.

Please inform Deputy U.N. High Commissioner that Ismaili community suffered 11 dead and heavy financial loss during riots.

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FROM: ZANZIBAR

TO: C.R.O. No. 120

RPTD: NAIROBI No. 63
POMEC ADEN No. M.79

D: 1830 hours 4th February, 1964

CYPHER
PRIORITY TO C.R.O.
ROUTINE TO OTHERS

Please pass following immediate to Whittington, British Red Cross from Phillips, Red Cross.

Begins

140 Destitute Manga Arab men, women and children departing February 4th per m.v. VAN RIEBEECK, K.P.M. Line, due Muscat 18th February via Mombasa (eight day stop), Mukalla, Masirah. Have cabled Mombasa to cater for needs. Please inform Geneva also competent authorities at destination in order ensure adequate reception. Probably 500 more will be despatched shortly.

Ends.

2. These are Manga Arabs referred to in my telegram No. 104 (not to POMEC). Understand party is travelling with Zanzibar documentation but do not know whether Muscat authorities have been informed. Their families will almost certainly have tribal connections with Muscat. They have no clothing other than what they are wearing.

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INWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: DELHI

TO: ZANZIBAR No.3

RPTD: C.R.O. No.22 (Saving)

D: 1945 hours 3rd February 1964
R: 0800 hours 4th February 1964

CYPHER
ROUTINE

My telegram No.2.

INDIANS IN ZANZIBAR

Indians fully appreciate difficulties confronting you. But if you can let us have any information in answer to my telegram under reference during course of next few days they would be enormously grateful.

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Mr. McBrinn

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OUTWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: ZANZIBAR

TO: NEW DELHI No.1

RPTD: NAIROBI No.58
C.R.O. No.111
DAR ES SALAAM No.44

D: 1100 hours 3rd February 1964

CYPHER
ROUTINE

Your telegram No.2 (not to Nairobi or Dar es Salaam).

DAMAGE TO INDIAN INTERESTS

Answers are:-

(A) During revolution I had some requests for guarantees of safety which I was not in a position to give. Indian community was not in real danger after first 48 hours. No requests yet received for repatriation: normal travel facilities by air and sea are of course restored and Indians with proper documentation are able to leave though they can take only small amount of cash with them. Applications for larger sums considered on merits. Regime's action in abrogating former Constitution appears to deprive large number of persons of Indian origin of their Zanzibar nationality. They are now applying to me for passports on ground that they are former British subjects. Position will not be clarified for some time.

(B) Eleven Ismailis, five Hindus and one Bohora were killed (total seventeen). In addition five Goans were wantonly murdered.

(C) Large number of small "Asian" shops were looted. Asian houses were entered and occupants robbed of jewellery, etc. Asians value property stolen or destroyed at £2 million but this must be over-estimate.

2. No objection communication of above to Indian authorities provided it is not attributed publicly to me. Suggest figure of £2 million should not be disclosed.

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Mr. McBrinn

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OUTWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: ZANZIBAR

TO: C.R.O. No.104

D: 1815 hours 31st January 1964

CYPHER
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Your telegram No. 524.

CASUALTIES

(a) Impossible do more than guess at number murdered. My estimate is between 400 and 1000. Population of all races in Zanzibar Island is only 180,000 and figures quoted in telegram under reference undoubtedly much too high. Many killed were probably Manga Arabs living mainly in country immediately north Zanzibar city where, as I have myself seen, many houses and shops have been destroyed and inhabitants killed or driven out.

(b) Answer is no. For two or three days after revolution prisoners were detained at broadcasting station under rough conditions. Detainees and refugees are all now in schools or on Prison Island in over-crowded but in circumstances well-managed camps, where feeding arrangements originally made by British Red Cross have been taken over by Government. Red Cross workers regularly visit them. Food scales adequate.

(c) There were no fires in Zanzibar city. Worst looting took place in Ngambo. A few shops were looted in Malindi but otherwise no serious damage.

(d) Full freedom of communication is not available to detained Arabs. Others are, so far as I know, free to communicate; there is censorship of cables but none on postal communication.

(e) Press censorship still nominally in force but not severely restrictive.

2. Of about 2,000 still detained or in refugee camps about 1,600 including 800 men are Manga Arabs. I believe nearly all are Zanzibar subjects but some may be Omani citizens. Zanzibar regime is I know contemplating repatriating some 60 of them to Oman. I have so far received no, repeat no, appeal for assistance from or on behalf of any of them and am not at present well-placed to enquire about their welfare.

3. British Red Cross workers here have suggested to their headquarters that delegate from International Red Cross should be sent out at once. I strongly endorse this plea. Please take up with Red Cross.

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Mr. Eccles
Mr. McBrinn

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3. British Red Cross workers here have suggested to their Headquarters that delegate from International Red Cross should be sent out at once. I would strongly endorse this plea. Please take up with Red Cross.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
ZANZIBAR.

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31st January 1963

Dear Tim,

I spoke to you about the attached notes which you may find interesting. - particularly paragraph 8 of that of the 29/11/58.

I wrote them about five years ago when I was in the administrative / political side of the old Secretariat. You might find them useful for your own records.

Yours ever,

Denis.

NOTE.

I met Professor Serjeant (of the School of Oriental Studies) privately at dinner on the 27th November, and during conversation with him it occurred to me that he could probably give us some advice over the information and background we need about the political significance of Arab family relationships mainly between Zanzibar and Oman. I asked him if he would come to see me in my office. Mr. Greig brought him on the 28th November and we had a useful talk.

2. I gave him a copy of the "Aulad el Imam" which he seem pleased to have and after consultation with the S.C. I let him have our spare copies of the papers in this file from (23) to (32) (They are not really very appropriate to this file). I also talked to him about the matters mentioned at (34) and gave him the note of the families referred to at para.4 of (35) and a list of the questions to which we are trying to find answers.

3. Prof. Serjeant told me that there are two books which he thinks might help us. The first is by S.B. Miles, a British Resident in Oman who died in 1922, and is called "Tribes and Countries of the Persian Gulf"(?). It is in two volumes and he feels sure the C.O. could either get them for us or could have a photocopy made of the volumes which he knows they had in their office. The other book is by Bertram Thomas. It is written about Oman particularly (Prof.Serjeant did not remember the title) and describes the position of the Sultan of Oman vis-a-vis the Imam with particular reference to the al Busaidy dynasty. I said that I would write to somebody in the C.O. and ask them to get these books and with regard to the Bertram Thomas book ask them to telephone Prof. Serjeant and get the name from him.

4. Prof.Serjeant had already had talks with a number of Arabs in Zanzibar and particularly with the Kharusi family whom he knows very well. He told me that of the families named in para.4 of (35) the Harthi, Kharusi and Ruweihi families all owe specific allegiance to the Imam of Oman and not to the Sultan. This allegiance is so strong that Kharusi who had recently been offered a post in Oman by Col. Boustaad (now Development Secretary to the Sultan) said that he could not take the job because if he returned to Oman his allegiance would be to the Imam and he could not work, even indirectly, for the Sultan.

5. At the particular request of the S.C. I spoke to Prof. Serjeant about para.2 of (40). He said that he felt instinctively that this assumption is wrong and that it is much more likely that there is a fairly strong connection between Arab families in Zanzibar and Oman especially with regard to family loyalties and internal politics. He likened the relationship to that existing between certain tribes in Java and Malaya and said that he felt certain that there are Arab tribes living far away from their countries who still retain some fairly close contacts and allegiances.

6. With regard to the question at 2(b) of (34) as to whether the tribes are exclusively landowners or merchants Prof. Serjeant stated that it is almost certain that they could not be exclusively one or the other. All Arab tribes were in the first place landowners and the participation of some of them in commerce is comparatively recent. He said that there are very few tribes now which have not got some merchants amongst their numbers so that it would be almost certainly correct to say that all the tribes include both landowners and merchants amongst their numbers.

7. With regard to the question at 2(b) of (34) in respect of "dependent" Arabs, Prof. Serjeant told me that he would try to find out some more about this before he left Zanzibar as far as Zanzibar residents are concerned. Generally speaking the townspeople are "dependent" on the tribes for protection. "Dependents" would normally be unarmed and would expect the tribe to which they are affiliated to look after them. I asked Prof. Serjeant what would be the position of the Omani shopkeepers who came to Zanzibar and he said that he thought in most cases they would have come from the shopkeeping classes in Oman and that if they did not owe any particular allegiance to the tribes in Zanzibar by reason of a similar allegiance in Oman, then they would probably look to the Sultan and the el Busaidy family for protection.

8. I mentioned to Prof. Serjeant an interesting suggestion, which I have noticed in recent intelligence reports, that some of these Arab shopkeepers and a number of other Arabs have suggested that if the economic situation in Zanzibar resulting from the boycotting by Africans got any worse they would have no option but to "go home". It interested me that they should think of somewhere other than Zanzibar as "home". I discussed this with Prof. Serjeant and he said that the close connection between the tribes in Zanzibar and the tribes in Oman would mean that any member of the tribe could return to Oman and would be accepted there by the rest of the tribe. He said he thought it extremely probable that most of them would have a right to some portion of land or property, albeit very small, and this too would account for the fact that they would look up upon Oman as "home". Prof. Serjeant said that he was not surprised that we have so little information about the contacts that Zanzibar Arabs may have with Oman. He says that there is less "information" about Oman than about most of the middle oriental countries. He said that he himself may get a year's study leave in 1961 and is hoping to go to Oman. If he does, and if we contact him again, he said that he would be very pleased to do what he could to give us the sort of information we want from the Omani side.

A.H. Hawker
(A.C.S.(A)
(29 November, 1958)

ARAB RULE UNDER THE AL BU SA'ID DYNASTY OF OMAN.

A record of a lecture on this subject given by Bertram Thomas has been placed in the Secretariat library. It is more than probable that anyone reading this file may not have time to go to the library and read all the papers to which reference is made in the file. I have therefore made a few notes and quoted a few interesting extracts from the report. Bertram Thomas is, of course, a recognized authority not only on Arab affairs generally but particularly on Muscat and Oman. He was Finance Minister and Wazir to H.H. the Sultan of Muscat and Oman from 1925 to 1930. During and shortly after the Second World War he was head of the Middle Eastern School of Arab Studies (sponsored by the Foreign Office) which was at one time located in Jerusalam and later in Transjordan and Damascus (I believe that very much later it was re-organized and established in the Lebanon).

2. There is an interesting reference to the loyalties of the Omani tribesman :-

> " The fundamental loyalty is not to a State but to a tribe. A tribesman thinks of himself first and foremost as a member of Bani-something-or-other ; his loyalty is to the smaller self-sufficing unit. "

Reference is made to the instability of rule resulting from the system, or lack of system, as regards succession of the Ruler. Of this of course we are aware but the extract is interesting :-

> " The Ibadhi conception, as we have seen, required the election of a fresh ruler whenever the old one died or was removed. In practice, the tendency, over long periods, has been to choose the Imam from some one family - in effect, a dynasty. Thus for a century and a quarter before the rise of the Al Bu Sa'id house it was the Ya'areba family of the town of Rostaq that provided Imams. But the right of primogeniture was never established, nor did an Imam have any testamentary right in regard to his successor. "

3. Reference is also made to the origin of the Al Bu Sa'id family :-

> " Now the Al Bu Sa'id family was in origin a merchantile one, and members of the first few generations were not only the ruling family but shipowners and merchants as well. As such they were world-minded, and, becoming increasingly so with the success of their enterprises, they were before long making commercial and political agreements with an outside world far removed in spirit from the rude tribes of interior Oman. As we have seen, the third generation of Al Bu Sa'idi rule saw the removal of the capital from inland Rostaq, where it had served Imams for

200 years, to the coast at Muscat ; and the same generation renounced theocratic sanctions as the basis of their rule. The wealth that came from the sea enabled rulers to maintain garrisons in the forts of the chief interior towns, and so secure what in those days must have seemed the secondary consideration of tribal allegiances : by their great prestige the interior was overawed, or by their favours placated. "

In the Report reference is made in several places to the "Bani, Harithi (el Harthi) who, both as a tribe and as individuals were always opposed to the ruling family and particularly to the Al Bu Sa'id family. " Reference is made to Sh. Isa Iban Sailh "the son of that Harithi who had opposed both Sultan Faisal and Sultan Turki". Of Sh. Isa it is said aptly that "by 1912 he had reverted to the traditional family rule of leader of the King's enemies."

(Sd). (A. H. Hawker).

(A.C.S.(A)
15/2/59.

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OUTWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: ZANZIBAR

TO: COLOMBO No.1

D: 1715 hours 30th January 1964

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ROUTINE

Your telegram No.1

All 39 Ceylonese safe and sound. Two shops looted. President of Sinhalese Association is writing to Mrs. Bandaranaike.

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FROM: COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE

TO: ZANZIBAR No. 524

D: 1513 hours 30th January, 1964
R: 2045 hours 30th January, 1964

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CYPHER

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INWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: COLOMBO

TO: ZANZIBAR No.1
DAR ES SALAAM No.1 (C.R.O. please pass to both)

RPTD: C.R.O. No.57 (Routine)

D: 1800 hours 26th January 1964
R: 0800 hours 27th January 1964

CYPHER
PRIORITY

ZANZIBAR AND TANGANYIKA

Ceylon M.E.A. have asked us to enquire whether recent disturbances in Zanzibar and Tanganyika have caused any serious distress to Ceylon subjects resident in either country. Grateful for any information you might have.

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Mr. McBrinn

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OUTWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: ZANZIBAR

TO: C.R.O. (through R.N.)

D: 2302C hours 26th January 1964

Please pass following on receipt to Whittington British Red Cross from Phillips, Zanzibar.

Red Cross fed over 2000 Detainees and refugees for eight days from January 14th. Government now paying 50 cents per head per day and Red Cross supplementing diet and supplying blankets, soap, baby food, clothing and other incidentals. There are now 4 centres receiving Red Cross help in addition to needy persons in general population. Today's total in the 4 centres is 2220 persons of which 394 have been transferred to island off coast. Red Cross launch takes over supplies daily. One centre reserved for 831 women and children who are families of detainees and officially regarded as refugees. In all our work we have had the full co-operation of the authorities who have given us every facility for carrying out Red Cross duties but in view of the foregoing and the fact that all the duties of a Delegate of the International Committee are at present being carried out by us you will realise that this is a situation where the presence of a Delegate of the International Committee is desirable. However in view of our good relations and the authority we have been given we did not wish to make this request by open cable as it might have been misinterpreted and have seriously affected our work stop It is of vital importance that all this information be treated in the strictest confidence both at Headquarters and at the International Committee. It must not be the subject of any Press release or public statement.

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OUTWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: ZANZIBAR

TO: C.R.O. No.76

D: 1945 hours 25th January 1964

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Your telegram No.508.

REACTIONS TO INTERVENTION

Asians seem alarmed at further evidence of stability. Others still much too concerned with local events. See also para 4 of my 75.

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INWARD TELEGRAM

FROM: DELHI

TO: ZANZIBAR No.2

RPTD: SAVING C.R.O.

D: 2000 hours 25th January, 1964

R: 0915 hours 26th January, 1964

CYPHER
ROUTINE

In absence of Indian Government's recognition of new Zanzibar Government - Tandon (Indian High Commissioner resident in Nairobi) unable to obtain permission to visit Zanzibar.

2. Indians recognise Commonwealth convention that you are not looking after their intereste meanwhile but would be most grateful for any information on following:-

(A) Have you been approached by any Indian national for protection, repatriation or assistance?

(B) Have you any reliable information about loss of life of Indian nationals?

(C) As above on loss of property?

3. Indians accept that probably impossible to differentiate between Indian nationals and Asians holding non-Indian passports and would be equally grateful for answers to para 2 above in respect of latter category.

4. Indian Parliament meets 10th February when matter will almost certain be raised. Any guidance you can give before then most welcome.

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Inward Telegram to Commonwealth Relations Office

FROM: DAR ES SALAAM (ACTING H.C.)

RPTD: NAIROBI
ZANZIBAR (SAVING)

D: DAR ES SALAAM 13.30 hours 24th January, 1964
R: 10.55 hours 24th January, 1964

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IMMEDIATE

30 JAN 64

No. 142 SECRET

Addressed Commonwealth Relations Office No. 142 repeated Immediate Nairobi No. 92 (Commonwealth Relations Office please pass) and Saving to Zanzibar.

My No. 131.

ZANZIBAR REFUGEES

Presence refugees and families here becoming embarrassment and hindrance to me and staff amid our other urgent preoccupations. At my request therefore Sullivan Waring and Misra have provisionally arranged passages for themselves and their families on flight EC 704 leaving Dar es Salaam Sunday 26th 20.30 hours arriving 08.05 hours Monday 27th. Unless am instructed to contrary at once they will leave accordingly.

2. Crosthwait has just told me that Zanzibar authorities have given notice to Smithyman, Derham, Sullivan and Waring amongst others. This clears satisfactorily up their status although in view of circumstances we shall have to arrange and meet initial cost of their passages. Understand Zanzibar regime have also agreed Misra may now take his 180 days leave then retire without waiting till age 50. This secures his future for next few months in Britain. Sullivan only prepared to fly via Nairobi if High Commissioner Nairobi can ensure that he is not going to be arrested and detained. Apart from possibility of request from Zanzibar authorities for his detention and fact that he was not allowed to land Mombassa, he carried out investigation of possible personal complicity of Kenyatta in murder Senior Chief Waruhiu just before 1952 emergency. Grateful if Nairobi can confirm that safe transit arrangements will be made for him and for rest of party on flight.

3. Derham has decided go Kenya till can get ship Australia. Have asked Nairbi check whether temporary immigration will be permitted and will let them know flight in due course.

4. Smithyman will go boat London via South Africa.

Note by Telegraph Section: The above has been passed Immediate to Nairobi.

Note by Telegraph Section: The above has been passed to Zanzibar Saving.

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Mrs. Chitty
Mr. Knowles
Miss Rutter

D.T.C. Mr. M.G. Smith
The Secretary

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535, KALBADEVI ROAD BOMBAY 2,
INDIA, 22nd JANUARY 1964

E. FRANKLIN DESOUZA
ADVOCATE.

To
HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S CONSUL-GENERAL
BRITISH RESIDENCY,
ZANZIBAR

Sir,

Re; REVOLUTION AT ZANZIBAR on SUNDAY 12th JANUARY 1964

I have to say that my attention has been drawn to a news item from Mr. D.B. MCMAHON, "THE TIMES OF INDIA NEWS SERVICE, dated NAIROBI 11th JANUARY published in the Sunday Edition, dated 19th JANUARY 1964, publishing an account of 8 GOANS massacred including in the bunch three Goan women who were shot down while they were returning from Mass. Besides two Goan men chatting alongside a motor scooter were shot point blank by an armed gang, one of them died on the spot and the other was seriously wounded. These Goans were unaware of the outbreak of the revolution.

2. As I have several friends amongst the Goan community either resident there or working for gain on the island protectorate, my office has been swarmed with many anxious relatives and others to know first hand the names of the above unfortunate Goans who met with their untimely death at the hands of the hooligans. I am, therefore, making a direct appeal to Your Excellency for news of the Goan men and women who were massacred on 12th January 1964, as I know that your office will carry an authentic record of the unhealthy episode and debacle. The receipt of the information desired will tend a great way to appease the minds and feelings of the writer and the distressed families living at Bombay.

Thanking you in advance for a reply by return mail.

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. Franklin de Souza

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